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Heseltine's new turn offers further hope to doomed pits

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MICHAEL Heseltine rallied Conservative MPs last night by promising that his enquiry into pit closures could save some threatened collieries and even lead to changes in the structure of the privatised electricity industry. All aspects of Britain's energy policy are to

The combative performance by the president of the board of trade amid the uproar of the Commons virtually snuffed out the last flames of Tory rebellion, and marked the second phase of the government's fightback after John Major's announcement that he was making growth his top

economic priority.

Away from Westminster, tens of thousands of miners and their families were marching through London in protest against the closures and an opinion poll named Mr Major as the most unpopular prime minister since polls began. But Mr Major's stock among Tory MPs rose after his appearances on television on Tuesday and party morale was lifted further when Mr Heseltine turned his Com-

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mons climbdown into an assault on the Labour party. His voice was often drowned in the din as Labour MPs chanted and barracked him non-stop — giving him the chance he relished to come off the ropes. Before the end, he abandoned his prepared speech to launch into a theatrical party political onslaught on the Opposition and by the time he sat down, his backbench critics were cheering and announcing that they would be supporting him in

But first Mr Heseltine, humiliated on Monday by havng to make a U-turn on a policy announced only six days before, completed his dimbdown with assurances that his review of 21 pits would be genuine. He had appointed international consultants to look at their viability and he would consider each pit personally to see if the case for closure had been made. He would then publish a white paper after the three-month consultation "setting our our full conclusions and their implications for the coal industry within the context of our wider

He also offered a glimmer

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On the march: police estimated that 50,000 demonstrators flooded into London from all over the country yesterday to protest at the threatened pit closures

of hope to the ten condemned pits not included in the moratorium, emphasising that under the consultation procedures, British Coal was "com-pelled" to maintain the option of continuing with them. That meant they had to carry out the appropriate care and maintenance procedures to ensure they were fit to carry on

production if necessary. Asked by a Tory opponent if he would amend the electricity privatisation legislation if his review found it to be flawed and prejudicial to the coal industry, he replied: "There would be no point in the review if I was not prepared to consider this option." There would be no pre-ordained

outcome, he promised. The consultants would be asked to comment on the competitiveness of British Coal and he would hold discussions with the power

generators and regional electricity companies to satisfy himself the market prospects for coal had been correctly assessed. His review would cover the consequences of the switch to gas and the question of whether it was cheaper. Hardening the terms of the review even further, Mr l'ieseltine said he had told British Coal that development work at the 21 pits must continue so as not to prejudice

its outcome. Mr Heseltine was dearly illustrating how far he has had to move to appease his back-benchers since Monday, when he did not even use the word 'review", and at one point Robin Cook, the shadow industry secretary, interrupted to ask why he had not done all these things before announcing the closures.

Mr Cook had opened the debate with a withering attack

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which he said had created "a nation united in anger". The plan made no sense to consumers because it involved higher prices, no sense to the

higher unemployment and deeper recession, and no sense to national security because it wrote off access to coal

London disrupted by new IRA bombing

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By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

ROAD and rail traffic in north on the Liverpool Street to London was disrupted last night after an IRA bomb exploded on a railway bridge over the A406 North Circular road close to Silver Street station in Edmonton, leaving three passengers with minor injuries in the eleventh bomb attack in two weeks.

The bomb exploded at about 4.35pm as a train was travelling south from Cheshunt, in Hertfordshire, to Liverpool Street station with 100 passengers. The train was slightly damaged and ambulance men treated one passenger for a cut finger, a second for a bruised knee and a diabetic who collapsed. Passengers were kept on the train for several hours after the blast

Other northbound services scene of the explosion.

Cheshunt and Enfield Town lines, which take considerable commuter traffic, were halted at Seven Sisters station. The A10 Cambridge Road was closed for a short distance either side of the bridge.

An hour before the blast a news agency in Dublin reported an IRA statement that the police were ignoring warnings sent to London radio stations and indicated where the bomb was. Scotland Yard said they knew nothing about any warning. A spokesman for the British Rail Board said no warning had been received and the BBC and six London radio stations all said they had not received any call.

Last night anti-terrorist branch officers were at the

British tourist dies in Egypt tour bus attack

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

A BRITISH tourist was killed and two others were wounded yesterday as Islamic militants stepped up their terrorist campaign against Egypt's tourist industry and ambushed a tour bus near the Upper Egyptian town of Dairul

The attack came only 48 hours before John Major is due to meet President Mubarak in Cairo before travelling to El Alamein for the 50th anniversary of the allied victory there. Hospital sources in the re-mote town, the scene of clashes

between Muslims and Christians, named the Britons as Sharon Hill, 28, David Wilson and Mike Smith, both 24. The official Middle East News Agency said doctors had failed to save the life of the woman on the operating table.

The ambush was the ninth and most serious against tourists targets since the fundamentalists launched their campaign in June with a bomb attack on Karnak temple in Luxor. Yesterday was the first time a Western tourist has been killed.

The shooting came only weeks after the October 2 attack on a Nile cruiser carrying 140 German tourists, also in Upper Egypt, the most violent area of the country. Three Egyptian crew were wounded in that ambush, also made by Islamic fanatics.

Hospital sources said last night that there had been six other tourists on the bus who were under police guard. The news agency said that the bus, carrying six Britons, two Aus-

Pay bodies may be suspended

BY SHEILA GUNN. JILL SHERMAN AND NICHOLAS WOOD

MINISTERS are considering suspending the pay review bodies and boosting the hardhit construction industry by easing restrictions on local authority capital spending.

That was disclosed yester day as Conservative MPs ral-lied behind the prime minister's decision to make growth and recovery the touchstones of economic

Labour denounced as yet another U-turn John Major's sudden emphasis on the need to halt the recession and demanded a full statement on the new strategy. But there was undisguised relief on the Conservative benches that the prime minister had recognised that the public outcry over pit closures masked deeper resentment about increasing unemployment and business failures.

Tories were also cheered by better than expected retail sales figures showing September's figure 0.2 percentage points up on the previous month. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, said that sales were now on a "dear upward trend". The boost to Tory morale came as Whitehall's hard fought spending round moved into the final straight and ministers and Whitehall officials defended the economic policy shift and denied opposition accusations of a U-Continued on page 2, col 7

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Sterling's fall causes loss of a Derby champion By RICHARD EVANS

RACING CORRESPONDENT

THE sterling crisis and reduced interest rates, heralded as the overdue boost to the struggling economy, have tak-en their toll on another beleaguered British industry. with the loss to Japan of this year's Derby winner.

Dr Devious, trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam Manton. Wiltshire, has been sold to Japan for \$6 million despite strenuous efforts by the National Stud to keep the classic winner in England for stallion duties. Even increased offers by the stud to the horse's American owner, Sidney Craig, were undercut by the recent 20 per cent decline in the value of the pound against the dollar.

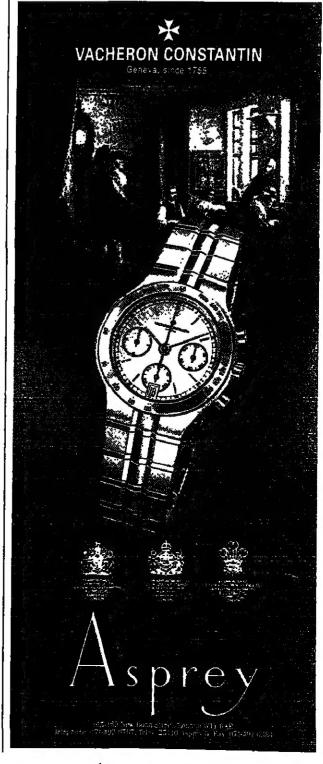
Mr Craig was first contact-ed by the National Stud in August and a \$6 million offer was made a month later. when the exchange rate of \$2 for £1 made the offer worth £3

St Jovite in the Irish Champirejected the offer out of hand: he was looking for double that figure. The stud tried again after Dr Devious's sixth-place finish in the Prix de l'Arc de Priomphe, and saw off challenges by the Coolmore Stud eiano ano ine Arabs. Thi fall in sterling, however, meant that the stud's £3 million offer was then worth only \$5 million.

In the end the stud increased its offer to 53.3 mil-lion — equivalent to \$5.4 million - but Craig accepted \$6 million from the Japanese.

The loss of Dr Devious is a severe blow to domestic breeders. The Derby hero. bred by Robert Sangster in Ireland, will run in the Breeders Cup at Gulfstream Park on Saturday week.

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Trade winds blow

good ship Tarzan

Heseltine defies the odds but loses argument over ERM

Right-wing ministers are delighted with the government's new tack. But Michael Heseltine is not yet out of hot water

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

MICHAEL Heseltine yester-day turned what was billed as another Commons ordeal into a barnstorming comeback. Not for the first time he proved that he should never be writ-

Thanks to the groundwork laid down by the prime minister and Lord Wakeham, the president of the board of trade was able to satisfy his Tory backbench critics that he was offering a genuine review of his pit closure programme.

He remains in place to see through what will still prove a hazardous operation, seeking to reconcile the harsh arithmetic of the energy market and the constituency worries of his backbench friends.

The U-turn over pit closures was Mr Heseltine's most embarrassing public reverse since he returned to the government. Behind the scenes, however, he has suffered a more

lasting setback. John Major's decision to proclaim the government's new growth and recovery strategy came after a five-week hianus in which the government has appeared to lurch between making the conquest of inflation its chief objective and toying with a more expan-

sionary stance. The central problem for the cabinet since Black Wednesday and sterling's exit from the ERM has been the degree to which ministers have wanted to ex-

ploit the floating pound. Mr Heseitine and Kenneth principal advocates of leaving open the possibility of an early return to the ERM. Other ministers, including at times Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, appeared to be favour easing interest rates, risking a cheaper pound and getting industry on the move again.

Under an avalanche of public. industrial and Conservative pressure, Mr Major and Mr Lamont came off the fence at the weekend. Their immediate priority was the pits furore, but when Mr Major summoned ministers to Downing Street on Sunday night for an emergency session, the first signs of a change

of direction were in the air. Last week, some of the party's most prominent supporters had let it be known they had cut off cash support in protest at the government's failure to recognise the scale of

The party was in turmoil Mr Major and Mr Lamont. advised by Richard Ryder. chief whip, and Sir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, decided that a policy that retained the importance of the anti-inflationary objective but was the prescription for repairing the political ravages of the

Right-wing ministers who had bombarded Downing Street through the weekend expressed delight with the new approach. As one said: "Everyone from every section of the party was saying 'enough is enough'. They had peered into

Another well-placed official said: "If there has been a tilt, it has been a tilt away from Michael Heseltine to ministers like Michael Howard, who wanted to play it very long over the ERM. There is no suggestion that Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke, who are both pragmatists, are furious or unhappy about what has happened. But they have lost the argument, at least for the time being."

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Bowler-hat protest: one of the many unlikely demonstrators who joined the miners' march from Hyde Park to Westminster yesterday. Company directors and lawyers were among the supporters. Pitmen's pilgrimage, page 3

Pay bodies may be

firmed yesterday's report in The Times that public sector pay rises for five million workers are to be held to a range of 0-2 per cent as part of the spending squeeze. They also disclosed that they were studying the possibility of spspending review bodies that set

One minister said that the amaction of such a move was that the pain was shared equally. But it might be better to retain them and direct them to restrict their work to advising on possible self-financing performance-related deats over and above the 2 per cent ceiling.

A Treasury source said that

the decision to be tough on pay had implications for the review bodies. Ministers were examining the "mechanics" of translating their wages clamp-

down into action.

Environment ministers, it was also disclosed, are pressing the Treasury to sanction a gradual release of billions of pounds held by local authorihes from council house sales. Such a move would be a policy reversal. Ministers spent much of the run-up to the last general election condemning proposals from Labour for a similar move.

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the pay of 1.3 million people.

market. Rubbish, roared Heseltine, departing his wretched brief and treating Kinnock to a rant about the

Militants kill tourist Continued from page 1 tralians and a Portuguese,

came under "heavy fire". The

attack was seen as the heaviest blow yet against Egypt's \$3 billion (£1.9 billion) a year tourist trade, one of its main providers of vital foreign currency. It came days after Muslim extremists had made political capital by providing rapid relief to victims of the recent earthquake.

The ambush was in an area that extremists had warned foreign tourists to keep clear of. A German tour operator in Cairo said that she would be cancel all further tours to the area, which includes Luxor. Police said the attack had been carried out by el-Gamaa

saw the bus, operated by South Sinai Travel, and gunmen opened fire from fields on either side. In September, the group warned all foreign tourists not

to enter the province of Qena. south of Assiut, scene of a failed Islamic uprising after the assassination of President Sadat in 1981. Officials fearing mass cancellations tried to play down the warning. Most tour operators also chose to

el-Islamiya, a fundamentalist group waging an under-

Change of gear, not a U-turn

JOHN Major's promotion of a new growth strategy is more than just a shift in presentation. Policy is being relaxed. It is not, however, yet clear how much of a shift there has been.

The Euro-sceptics claim a victory: the abandonment of inflation as the overriding goal, hopes of early big cuts in interest rates and the postponement of re-entry into the exchange-rate mechansim for the indefinite future.

The Treasury is more cautious. Stephen Dorrell, the financial secretary to the Treasury, spoke vesterday as if no real change in policy had been announced.

On Mr Dorrell's view. Mr. Major was merely drawing attention to the boost to growth prospects from the fall in inflation since 1990 and from the existing relaxation of policy as a result of sterling's withdrawal from the ERM and the subsequent two-point cut in interest rates.

The Treasury sees no need for a further shift in the overall balance of policy. It is still insisting on the announced inflation target and the public spending ceiling, while interest rate policy will take into account the impact on the exchange rate.

What has happened is less dramatic than a U-turn; but is as well as of many outside more than just a modification commentators, has swung

of the government's language. It is what one cabinet minister yesterday described as a "change of gear", with a throwback to the Changing Gear pamphlet witten by the then "Wets" in 1981.

The new policy is partly a response to widespread demands for Mr Major to offer a new strategy, culminating in last weekend's unprecedented criticism of his leadership. Talking just about fighting inflation was clearly not

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enough to inspire, or to unite, the Tory party. Mr Major had to offer a progamme for economic recovery. Tory MPs were cheered yesterday. One former minister said that the Tory party had moved from Dunkirk to El Alamein since the weekend.

There are also genuine economic grounds for a shift. Mr Major repeatedly refers to how the outlook has become more bleak in other countries recently. Not only is Britain not alone, but more may have to be done to secure recovery. given, for example, the low rate of monetary growth. So the balance of official opinion,

larger easing of monetary policy is needed, and that it can be undertaken without bringing the risk of higher

What will happen in practice now? The prime minister's announcement will break the logism on some issues, such as easing the long-established restrictions on private finance for public-sector capital projects and possibly also on receipts from council house sales. There may be some other initiatives to help industry and investment announced in the Chancellor's autumn

All this will be in the context of keeping fiscal policy as tight as possible, at least in the medium-term, in order to ensure that the deficit falls

when the economy recovers. The big uncertainty is how far monetary policy will be eased. The Treasury and the Bank of England will be nervous of doing anything that risks sending the pound into freefall.

So there will be no public spending driven dash for growth, but rather a measured acceleration. The government does not want to have to apply the brakes ahead of the next

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lowing in the wind as Tories roared their support behind The noise was fearful. Labour chanted. The Chair screamed Strangers and onlookers simply gaped. And, their auger rising as every bows, Michael Heseltine's own backenchers blew up a ale of sympathy, indigua-

ship HMS President of the

Board of Trade rode

triumpantly into harbour yesterday, his torn sails bil-

tion and encouragement. Harried by the Opposition. Heseltine threw away his speech. He began to shout Labour shouted loud-er. He raised his voice to breaking point. All the Tory rabble behind him yelled him on As Opposition breakers smashed hopelessly against the rocks, reason. reason ever entered this,

blew away. It started as a painfully complex argument about pit closures, with Heseltine on the losing side. Labour confidence rose. The Opposition became a rabble. The Chair all but lost control. Within fifteen minutes, and most unwisely, the Opposi-tion had pushed what had begun as a trial into a lynching. It became apparent that Heseltine was struggling for his survival. With ancient visceral wisdom, his party sensed that this wasn't just an argument about mines indeed, it wasn't an argument about mines at all. It was an argument about their government's authority. They

sensed their man's despair, and closed ranks. The battle then turned. Perhaps significantly. Neil Kinnock turned it. He told Heseltine that domestic

what you were ordered to. Labour, shouted Heseltine, had learnt nothing. This acted as a signal to his own side to quit the hopeless ground on which they had bogged down -- the "moratorum" - and go on the ideological attack Mr Heseltine launched into what was really a reprise of countless party con-

ference triumphs. Labour have done better to sit back and giggle - began a serious attempt to barrack him. This was when Michael Cartiss (C. Gt Yarmouth) sounded the bugle which began the rally which became the charge which, six hours later, was to pound into the division lobby, carrying the government to victory. Ironic that as Cartiss tried to rise, Richard Ryder, the chief whip, tugged furiously at his coat-

B at Cartiss would not be stopped. He had come to this debate, he told Heseltine, troubled about the pit closures. But "these people," he shouted the veins in his neck standing out with fury as he gesture at the Opposition, "have ensured that this man" (he pointed at Heseltine) "has ary total support!"

tails to stop him.

Wisely, Michael Heseltine never returned to his text. The old warrior knows when to drop anchor. He brushed aside his speecimotes and, filling his sails with the wind of loyal Tory cheers, surfed past the sea wall back into harbour. His first planned expedition had failed. His revised journey had had to be aban-doned, and his whole strategy was now in rains. But he was still afloat.

Next time the Toties face a serious internal mutiny, they could do worse than arrange a trade union march grinned from the front bench, as relaxed as we have seen him, if marginally

forces to overthrow the govern-

ment and replace it with one dedicated to stricter imple-

The ambush took place at 3pm on a dusty road near Dairut, 170 miles south of

Cairo. A boy whistled when he

mentation of Islamic law.

From all over Britain and from every walk of life, they came to join the pitmen's pilgrimage to London

On the 26th anniversary of Aberfan, the government learnt that the nation was not prepared to allow the miners to suffer another disaster

By BILL FROST, ALICE THOMSON AND KATE ALDERSON

EXTRAORDINARY alliances and once unthinkable bonds were forged in London yesterday between miners and those they once perceived as their implacable class enemies. Company directors, lawyers and City workers swelled their ranks as tens of thousands of pitmen marched from Hyde Park to West-

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By the time the three-mile procession reached Kensington, pavements were six-deep with cheering supporters, many of whom, less than a decade ago during the coal strike, would have called for the deployment of water cannon to combat such a demonstration. Yesterday the miners were greeted as heroes.

As the marchers reached the five-star Royal Garden Hotel, guests ran from the foyer to appland. Posters proclaiming support for the miners could be seen in the windows of exclusive antique shops. Pubs emptied into the street as lunch-time drinkers toasted

Office workers appeared at windows to wave and cheer Arthur Scargill and his still slightly bewildered comrades. One man from the Yorkshire coalfield said: "I thought we'd get a really hostile reception ... Londoners angry that the

miners were at it again. But look at this: they are all on our side. They know the government is wrong and we are right in saying that Britain cannot destroy this industry."

Affluent promenaders on Bayswater Road gave the thumbs-up sign to the miners as they passed; children on half-term holiday cheered and baffled tourists waved. The miners, by now warming to



Cook: "Conservatives have long memories"

their unaccustomed celebrity status, shouted back greetings and expressions of gratitude. Clergymen of almost every

denomination were among the demonstraters. Basil Cook, 71, a retired vicar from Mitcham, southwest London, had come to the rally with his wife Barbara, 68. "I am simply appalled at the way Mr Heseitine announced his proposal," he said. "It was inhu-mane and the result of a mistaken policy. The Conservatives have long memories and I think much of this is spite for what happened years ago. The government will not resign, it has no honour." Ken Shill, vicar of St John's Church in Mansfield, Not14 other Anglican and Methodist ministers from his district, who gathered under a proclaiming: banner "Churches Together."

"I have never marched before", he said. "It's a bit unusual to be marching alongside members of the Socialist Workers' Party, but I have people coming to me and telling me of their hopelessness and their despair. I had to come here today, our community is being devastated, and the future looks very bleak. The church must show its support for people."

Geoffrey Clark, chairman of the Nottinghamshire and Derby Methodist Church, said: "Almost a third of the people in the Mansfield area will be unemployed."

From the Point of Air, Clwyd, Brian Taylor, the vicar of Bagillt, spoke emotionally of the mood of his congrega tion: "People are furious at what has happened. I'm not only here because of the closure of the pits, but because of the cynical destruction of this country's industry. I have had people come to me in tears, crying because they can't take anymore. That is why the church must be active."

As the miners marched through London, thousands of others employed in the power industry walked out in sympathy with their protest over planned pit_closures. More than 1,000 Sellafield construction workers downed tools and staged a mass meeting. "Our jobs could be next," said one man at the £2 billion Thorpe reprocessing plant.

An official with the electricians' union said: "Previous disagreements because of the miners' leaders calling for the end of nuclear power stations had no bearing on the action. The mea were determined to show other 100 per cent

A further 1,000 construction workers, at Drax power station in North Yorkshire, the country's biggest, also walked out on strike in sympathy with the pitmen. A union spokes man said: "It is understandable that they feel so strongly. They are only venting the feeling of the whole nation." In Nottinghamshire, 600

men staged a 24-hour strike at Ratcliffe on Soar power sta-tion, where they had been installing new equipment to reduce emissions that cause acid rain. In a statement, they said their action was an expression of disgust and concern over the government's energy policy. It continued: This is also a direct attack on the mining industry, which in turn will affect jobs in engineering construction as well as thousands of jobs in mining

associated supply industries.
"We feel that the pressure from the trade unions should be increased in order to persuade the directionless Tory government to completely rethink the whole economic strategy and to stimulate the construction industry in

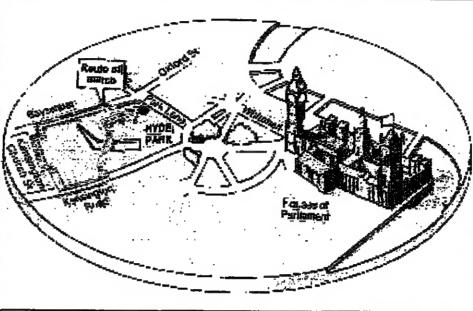


I came today because, as a church leader, I am scandalised by a policy which seems to rate love of profit and money lighter than concern for people.





There is something very wrong when people like me are out in Hyde Park protesting. Last time I was in a rally it





I'm not a political activist at all, but this whole situation has moved me to carry a banner and march. Folk are getting to

PETER Segal, 33, director of a recruitment company, and Angela Perry, 42, a part-time lecturer, live in southeast London with their children Katharine, 8, and Jack, 3.

EVELYN Smith travelled with

fellow pensioners from

Gloucestershire to demon-

strate against the government

"I'm not a political activist at

all," she said. "But this whole situation has moved me to be

here today, to carry a banner

"I now object wholly to what the government has done, not

only to the miners, but to the

economy. I don't think I've felt

JAMES Cally used to work in

public relations, is 34; unmar-

ried and lives in west London.

I have nothing else to do and I

feel great sympathy for the

miners. They have been ap-pailingly treated, as have many who have been made

redundant in the last few

months. We have been given

no hope for future employ-

gives us no hope that growth is on the way. I voted for Mrs

"I came to this rally because

and march.

for the first time in her life.

Mr Segal said: "I'm opposed to the pit closures generally but this protest is really against the govern-ment I think their social. economic and education policies lack any sense of cohesion and I am vimbenti against what this government has been doing."

"I am ashamed to say that I am doing quite well in my company because we specialise in the computer industry that hasn't yet felt the pinch. But my children are suffering from an education policy with few resources and overworked teachers.

"I voted Labour at the last election although I am well paid and my wife also earns £3,000 a year part-time. But should be calling for the fall of the government."

this strongly about any issue

field, was protesting at "eco-nomic nonsense". She said:

"Folk are getting to the end of their tether. I would call a one-

day general strike because

how much longer are the British people going to be told what to do and when they can

work? The government don't realise that they've made Mr

Scargill into a Moses figure."

Thatcher the first time but

didn't vote for John Major.

think this is the turning point.

The government has finally

realised how angry the coun-

try is.
"I have never had any confi-dence in Mr Lamont. I am

pro-Europe but the whole European question has been mishandled. Even if we have a

review of the miners, I don't

think it will make much differ-

ence. What we need is a review of this country."

to quit. "I cannot, and will not,

accept policies that regard my

members as mere blips on a

Christine Pagett, from Shef-

THE Right Rev Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Wakefield, came to support the demonstration with miners from the Yorkshire coalfield. This is the first time I have

been on a political rally. I have been very impressed by the cross-party and cross-community support for the miners and their cause. I come today because, as a church leader, I am scandalised by a policy profit and money lighter than concern for people."

DAVID Cockburn, 43, is a partner in the London firm Pattinson & Brewer and lives in north London. "I feel very strongly that the government has acted precipitously without giving any depth of thought to British energy problems.

There should be a serious rethink over the miners' issue, taking into account the views which seems to rate love of industries and all political parties. I come from Castleford, West Yorkshire. It know, do you?"

Now there isn't a pit there and it's desolate. My dad used to be a miner. I will do

"But I have also come here to voice my general complaint
— we need to find a focus for this country. There is something very wrong when people like me are out in Hyde Park protesting. Last time I was in a rally it was over Vietnam. I used to feel relatively secure in my job but now you don't

everything I can to help them.

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SHARON Sole, 41, and Anita Houghton, 36, work at Si Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and live in Epping. Mrs Sole said: "I feel like a rebel coming on this march. I

have never done anything like this before. But my partner's father is a miner in South Yorkshire. "I am a manager of a unit that provides health screening for companies. Anita is a

that St Bartholomew's must

survive like the miners."

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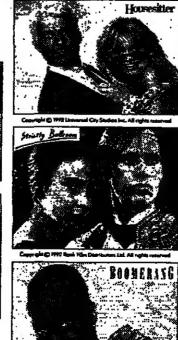
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Enter Scargill, darling of the media

THE jabbing finger was still there but the tone had mellowed. At yesterday's march round Hyde Park against the pit closures, Arthur Scargill relished his new and unlikely role as the media's

He grinned and posed for the bevvy of photographers, who stalked his every move. "Arthur, Arthur," they yelled as he beamed into their lenses. Miners were no longer addressed as "comrades" but as

Even the Daily Mail was praised for highlighting the child slave labour of five-yearold children in Colombia shovelling coal. Mr Scargill has taken up reading the Daily Mirror, though his new image has not quite reached

A photograph in some editions yesterday accompanying a report of an address by Sir Michael Checkland, directorgeneral of the BBC, was not that of Sir Michael. We apolo-

The Sun. Old foes were defended yesterday. At the rally in the park, Mr Scargill intervened to prevent hecklers drowning out a speech by a union leader who would have been snubbed only a few weeks ago. As Bill Jordan, of the AEU, was boosd and hissed as he condemned the government, Mr Scargill gestured to the crowd to let him speak. As the marchers shouted to Mr Jordan to "get off, go away." Mr Scargill strode up to the middle of the stage and said: "British miners are fighting to save their jobs. The last thing we want are members

harracking people we have invited. So for God's sake give him a fair hearing."
Even Mr Scargill admitted that he had done things in the last week that he would never have dreamt of doing. At the rally in Westminster Central Hall yesterday he shared a latform with John Smith, the Labour leader, and earlier he met Liberal Democrats. "Although it is not normally in my nature I have written to the prime minister to discuss the

well-being of my members. If

breakaway UDM they can surely see me," he said. The president of the National Union of Mineworkers said he was delighted by the level of support and he

claimed that 200,000 people had been present. "We can't thank people enough for com-ing. But they are here not just to support the miners. They are here to support other workers who are unemployed and others whose jobs are threatened. There is also a sense of revulsion and outrage at the way the government has treated people who have given their life to the coal industry."

Mr Scargill was joined at the front of the march by the Labour MPs Dennis Skinner and Tony Benn, and union leaders, including Derrick Fullick of Aslef and Jimmy Knapp of the RMT. A brass band from the Frickley colliery and Carlton Main, South Yorkshire, led the march. A posse of trade union officials had to link arms in front of Mr

Scargill to protect him from a scrum of photographers. At the rally, Mr Scargill told the demonstrators that John

computer screen. They are human beings," he said. So much power had been generated on the streets of Britain that miners could change the government's policy. "In the space of three days they have done four bodyswerves. We don't want body-

swerves, we want a complete

U-turn," he said.

The government's economic justification for the pit closures made no sense. "We produce the cheapest deep-mined coal in the world. Gas is 30 per cent more expensive and nuclear fuel 350 per cent more expensive. If we received the same subsidy as the nuclear industry we could give our coal away for free plus a hamper of food and we could make £500 million profit a year." he said, adding: "I don't want to be

told that my members have

got to compete with five-year-old children in Colombia." When Mr Scargill said that cheap foreign coal should not shouted: "Don't import coal.

they can see the leader of the Major should be given notice start exporting Tories."

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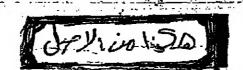
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Casino licence defeat costs owner of rival club £160,000

By JOHN YOUNG

THE club-owner John Aspinall was ordered to pay £160,000 costs yesterday after failing to block the issue of a gaming licence to a rival

casino company.

Mr Aspinall, a key figure in London gambling circles since the first casinos were licensed more than 20 years ago, said after the hearing: "I have just lost a large hand of baccarat. Everything in life is a

But earlier, Mr Aspinall, who opened his own new club in Mayfair this week, had bowed his head when the South Westminster Betting and Gaming Committee, sitting at Thames Magistrates' Court, granted a licence for the Golden Nugget casino, in Soho, owned by London Clubs International.

Mr Aspinall had claimed that the company, which owns four other London casinos the Ritz Chub, the Palm Beach, Les Ambassadeurs and the Rendezvous — was not "a fit and proper person" to hold a gaming licence. His claim was based on the company's "past history", which led to a police raid on the four clubs in June last year and a nine-month investigation by the Gaming Board.

George Carman QC, for LCl, described Mr Aspinall's objection as "an unworthy application to be treated with disdain. No responsible ser-vant or agent of the company who would be directly engaged in the management or directorship of the Golden Nugget club is in any way not fit and proper." he said. "There is not one shred of evidence before the court to

"It is entirely without precedent for an objector to come to court and make a public allegation, and attract great publicity, that the applicant company is not fit and proper, but to call no evidence



that establishes in any way that proposition.

anger that I say for an objector to pursue that course, and to attract publicity to himself and his club, is a misuse of that function. It may serve a com-mercial purpose outside the court but doesn't assist the administration of justice inside," Mr Carman said. The objection had not been made in totally good faith, and it offended any concept of natural justice.
The public might say a

trade competitor is using these proceedings, which coincide with the opening of his new club, as the stakes are high in these casinos, and if Mr Aspinall could knock out one or all of them life would be more comfortable for him."

After a 15-minute adjournment, Caroline Walker, the committee chairman, announced that the licence for the Golden Nugget club had been granted. Mr Carman's application for £200,000 costs was reduced to £160,000.

Applications for licences for LCI's four other casinos will be heard tomorrow . John Mathew QC, for Mr Aspinall, said he would be calling no further evidence but the objec-



Aspinall: "I have just lost a large hand of baccarat"





Tusk force: a pair of three-week-old wild boar, left, a species once hunted to extinction in Britain, but now being bred for their meat from Polish stock in Wensleydale by Anthony Hill, a farmer aged 34, who plans to produce 400 next year. Boar was fair game in the area in medieval times, as shown in this contemporary hunting scene

BBC staff split over Checkland's future

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

SPECULATION was mounting yesterday that Sir Michael Checkland, the BBC's director-general, might step down before his term ends in late February as a consequence of his unprecedented public attack against Marmaduke Hussey, the chairman, for being too old and out of touch to govern the corporation. But Sir Michael, in Botswa-

na for the next ten days attending a Commonwealth broadcasting conference, is thought to be determined to present the BBC's response to the government green paper on its future late next month. BBC employees were yester-day embroiled in debate over whether the governors would ask Sir Michael to resign early to clear the way for his successor, John Birt. Both Mr Hussey and Mr Birt had expected Sir Michael to step down long ago out of frustration over Mr Birt being

named as the next director-

general almost two years be-

fore the handover. But several senior BBC sources said that, however piqued Mr Hussey may be, governors would think twice about sacking a second director-general at a time when the board is being widely criticised for getting too involved in the day-to-day workings of the corporation.

Mr Hussey, responsible for firing Sir Michael's predecessor Alasdair Milne, would probably encounter opposition from many of the other 11 governors if he tried to sack Sir Michael. Many inside the corporation said such heavyhandedness could hijack the debate about the renewal of the BBC's royal charter, deflecting attention away from more important issues.

Mr Hussey had no com-

ment to make yesterday, but a beritage ministry official said the government had "no plans at this time" to replace Sir

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True love survives 60 years

A COUPLE in their eighties were due to wed today, 60 years after their love was tom apart by religious

As a young teacher. Ehmed Griffiths was smit-ten by quantity surveyor Basil Tite when they went out together in 1932. But her mother, a devout Welsh Congregationalist, disap-proved because Basil was a Christian Scientist - and English, to boot.

The sweethearts split up and heard nothing more about each other, until Eluned, 85, put an appeal in a pensioners' magazine. Ba-sil, 84, a widower, saw the letter and travelled from Southampton to meet Eluned again on Anglesey in North Wales - and proposed within days. Now the couple are to wed this morning in a chapel yards from where Eluned, a spinster, tives in the village of Llangoed, Gwynedd.

Boy of 12 sues over **HIV** contamination

By A STAFF REPORTER

"There is no dispute that, as a

consequence of [his] treat-

ment, he became HIV positive

and that he will, in due course,

Birmingham Central District Health Authority denies

negligence. The case, involv-

ing evidence on medical

knowledge in the early 1980s,

risks of imported commercial-

ly made concentrate were

much higher than those of

NHS products because the

plasma was a mixture from

many donors, who were paid. Mr Jackson said: "The sell-ers of blood in the US included

a substantial proportion of

drug abusers and homosex-

uals - the sort of people who

were more prone to hepatitis

B, a known risk in the 1970s,

and to Aids when the epidem-

ic struck at the end of the sev-

enties. These simple truths

Mr Jackson said infection

is due to last nine weeks.

develop Aids."

A HAEMOPHILIAC boy of 12 who contracted HIV after receiving contaminated blood concentrate began a claim of

medical negligence in the High Court yesterday. The boy, whose name is secret, was given the American product Factorate at Birmingham Children's Hospital between 1981 and 1983. He was one of over 1,000 haemophiliaes who brought a group action against the government and a number of health auth-

orities, the court was told. The cases against the government were settled last year and the boy received £21,500. which, by agreement, would be discounted from any damages won in the present action. A total of £42 million was awarded, after a long campaign, to haemophiliaes and later another £12 million to 74 non-haemophiliacs who contracted HIV through transfusions or tissue transfers.

Rupert Jackson QC, for the boy, told Mr Justice Alliott:

ought to have been known to the health authority." The case continues today.

CRAIG BROWN

The way it isn't

Philip Larkin's recently-published Letters, his Posthumous Letters are to be published next year.

Here is an extract: Heaven. Dear All, This place is really not my cup of tea at all. Everyone so bloody happy, smiling in that godforsaken way of the cheerful and endlessly twanging their bloody harps. What a hole. Turns out that hyn is complete hll. Nothing to do all day except mooch around being nice to one another - not my ktle, of fsh, at all. Food far too fancy menus in French. Music dreadfully celestial, tedious concentration on happiness. Only good thing is that at least Amis isn't likely to end up here. Yrs eternally, Philip.



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Nine helicopters axed in Whitehall review

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

ROYAL Air Force helicopters involved in some of the most famous search and rescue missions around Britain are to be withdrawn from four bases between April next year and

Archie Hamilton, the armed forces minister, made the announcement yesterday after a long review. Search and rescue services at Leuchars, Fife, Brawdy, Dyf-ed. Manston in Kent and Coltishall, Norfolk, will be closed, leaving five remaining

centres open. The number of helicopters available will be cut from 25 to 16, although the aging Wes-sex helicopters will be replaced with the longer range and more capable Sea King. At present there are 15 Wessex and 10 Sea King helicopters.

The decision casts doubt on the future of RAF Manston. Once the helicopters are re-moved, there will be no aircraft base. The two Sea Kings were involved in the Herald of Free Enterprise rescue of 1987, the Marchioness of Granby in 1989 and in saving the disc jockeys of Radio Caroline when they became stranded on the Goodwin

Sands. The long term future of RAF Brawdy, which has two Sea Kings and has completed more than 1,600 rescue missions since 1969, is also uncertain. Its largest opera-tion involved lifting 53 soldiers from the Brecon Beacons when they were overcome with

Dyfed Chief Fire Officer Ronnie King condemned the move. "By abandoning the search and rescue station at Brawdy lives will be put in jeopardy. The squadron has

built up enormous skill on controlling fires on vessels at sea and this facility will be seriously impaired in future." The most controversial ele-ment is the decision to close the rescue operations at Leuchars, which has been at the centre of many daring rescues. Fit Lt Jack Taylor of Leuchars said helicopters from the RAF rescue bases are the "ambulances of the skies".

sea, to fully-fledged military operations," he said.
Yesterday the base's two Wessex helicopters had just completed their 677th mission, airlifting the body of a climber killed in a fall at Loch Tay. Most of the base's missions involve climbers stranded on Ben Nevis or Glencoe.

"We do everything from pick-

ing little children off a rock at

Under the rationalisation programme. Léuchars' work load will be taken over by RAF search and rescue stations at Lossiemouth, Morayshire, Boulmer in Northumberland and the Royal Navy base at Gannet in Prestwick. Brawdy will be replaced by

centres at Valley in Anglescy and Chivenor in Devon while Coltishall will be amalgamat-ed into RAF Wattisham in Suffolk. Ministry officials said that RAF personnel involved in the closures would be redeployed or retrained.



Tales from afar. Red Thundercloud, the last native speaker of the North American Catawba tribe, begins a series of fables for children to mark the 500th anniversary of Columbus's voyage to the New World.

He arrived in Edinburgh yesterday to take part in the Scottish the time of his birth. His tribe is

Storytelling Festival at the Royal Botanic Garden, where he set up a tepee and found an attentive audience in Sophie Burns, 3, Sara Burns, 5, and Caroline McMillian, 6, right. Red Thundercloud, 73, was named after an unusual cloud formation at

the United States government for land taken in 1840, and he plans to start education courses so that young members of his tribe can learn the Catawba language. He uses the language during his story-telling, and discloses some of the traditional grandmother Water Lily and great grandmother Blue Moccasin. He is also an expert in making Indian herbai teas, and conducts herbal walks around the garden in Edinburgh. Later this month, he will



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THE PARTY OF THE P Mayhew condemns 'cowardly' killing

Sir Patrick Maybew, the Northern Ireland secretary, yesterday condemned as "cowardly and disgusting" the first killing of a member of the newly formed Royal Irish Regiment by republican gummen (Edward Gorman writes). Robert Irvine, 43, married with two children, had previously served with the Ulster Defence Regiment before its merger with the Royal Irish Rangers in July. He was killed on Tuesday night when gunmen opened fire as he walked outside a house near Rasharkin, co. Antrim. Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party,

who knew the dead man, said it was obvious that claims by the government that the merger would make the UDR more acceptable to nationalist opinion were unrealistic. "To think the Commons were counted into thinking that if these men well-called the Royal Vish Regiment instead of the UDR. The Till would case to shoot them, is lunacy."

Tobacco adverts 'tatal

At least 10,000 deaths a year would be avoided if tobacco advertising were banned, scientists said yesterday as they called on the government to end its opposition to a European-wide advertising ban. More than 800 scientists have signed a statement condemning tobacco advertising in advance of a Commons debate this afternoon on the Health of the Nation white paper, which sets a target of reducing smoking by a third among children aged 11 to 15 by 1994 but does not support an advertising ben.

Kerb-crawling denied

Professor Martin Harris, Manchester university vice-Professor Martin Harris, Manchester university vice-chancellor who faced a police allegation of kerb-crawling, told colleagues desterday that a woman had got into his car and told him firstrive after he had stopped to study a map. He realistic was a prostitute but when he told her he did not want hier services she demanded money and asked to be taken, he another part of Manchester. A summons was issued but never served and the Crown Prosecution Service halted the case last month.

Nuclear site studied

The nuclear waste company Nirex yesterday announced plans for a laboratory more than 2,000ft underground at Sellatield in Cumbria to establish the safety case for building a nuclear depository. The stability and nature of the rock and the flow of water through it will be studied. Friends of the Earth criticised the decision.

Readers queue for Sex

Book shops reported brisk business in Sex, the book by Madonna which was released for sale in Britain yesterday. In London, where 200 waited for Books Etc's Charing Cross Road branch to open at midnight, 1,800 copies, discounted by £5 to £20, had been sold by 1am. Diary, page 20; Nigella Lawson, page 40



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Royal visit to Germany

Queen pays tribute to Berlin Wall victims

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN BERLIN

FRAU Gertrud Stange, aged 71, had donned her best red hat for the occasion. She stood among a crowd of 5,000 on the eastern side of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, weakkneed and unable to remember what the Queen had said to her.

"I am so happy I was allowed to see this." she bur-bled. The concept of permis-sion for even innocent deeds dies a lingering death in a people subjected to half a

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century of oppression.

When the Queen walked through the gate from West to East yesterday, she set foot for the first time on the soil of the former Soviet empire. As an instantly recognisable and en-duringly permanent Western leader, she represented a powerful message to the evil old empire that it had rejoined the world community.

She arrived, like any tourist, on a bus, having spent a quiet few minutes behind the Reichstag building contem-plating the simple shrine of crosses that honour some of the 192 East Germans who died trying to cross the wall. She laid a wreath, and must have been struck by the poignancy of the last victim, who was shot in February 1989 — Il months before buildozers and the shifting tide of global politics reached the wall with-

out a shot being fired. Crowds of schoolchildren waved flags and cheered as the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, with President von Weizsäcker and Eberhard Diepgen, mayor of Berlin, strolled through the gate that was imperial Germany's triumphal arch, and later became the most recognisable

symbol of a divided Europe. Great cities do not much care for visiting dignitaries. but Berliners turned out in respectable numbers to wit-ness this ultimate seal of

■ Thousands gathered to cheer the Queen as she strolled from West to East through what was once the most potent symbol of a divided Germany

said. "The British and Prussian monarchies were always closely related and friendly. Perhaps this will remind Ger-mans of their longer history." Beside him Frau Helga Ott

had been waving enthusiasti-cally. "We are friends with Great Britain," she said. "Their soldiers have defended our city, and thanks to them we are now free."

The solemnity of the occasion was shattered by an ambulance roaring through the Brandenburg Gate to a police motor cyclist accompa-nying the royal party who had been taken ill. The Queen was shepherded aside while the Duke of Edinburgh continued to gladhand the crowd.

The royal party boarded their bus for a tour of the eastern city. They made an unscheduled stop at the re-mains of Checkpoint Charlie, where the Queen disembark-ed to be presented by a man in the crowd with a small piece of concrete - a fragment of the wall - mounted on a wooden

After her conducted tour,

Rotes Rathaus, the red city hall in East Berlin. In a speech, she said that the United Kingdom rejoiced that freedom now extended to the whole city of Berlin and to a wider Germany.

Europe, from the late 1940s, was divided between a free and increasingly successful West and an East shackled by communism. Through all those years Berlin was a focus of hope, an example of free-dom and vitality of the human spirit. We must remember the sacrifice of those men and women from the eastern part of the city who, in the dark years, died in their quest for

liberty." als acted to defuse anger among Berlin traffic police over their struggle to get medical help for the sick motor cyclist. Andreas Riemer, 29, collapsed while waiting to guide the motor-cade down the Unter Den Linden.

Some officers said that the Queen's presence had delayed an ambulance trying to reach him, and complained that the royal party rejected a request for medical help.

Within an hour, several officers were invited to meet the Queen and she expressed concern for Sergeant Riemer's welfare and was told that he was recovering.

Palace officials said the

Queen's doctors would have been happy to help, but were



Hand of friendship: the Queen greeted on her first trip to the former Soviet empire

Army cuts force downgrading of Trooping the Colour

BY MICHAEL EVANS

DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

The Trooping the Colour, the largest and most spectacular ceremonial event in London, is to be scaled down because of planned reductions in army personnel under Options for approval on the process of unification. "She is giving us a sign." Robert Merkel, 25, a student among the crowd,

guardsmen and officers, instead of the traditional eight, from 1993.

The parade was last reduced to six Guards in 1982 at the time of the Falklands conflict. Archie Hamilton, armed forces minister, said yesterday in a written Commons answer that the number was "sufficient to maintain the dignity of the occasion and an impressive standard of spectacle". The reductions had been agreed with the

ceremonial changes, which affect other traditional events in the capital, had

However, he admitted that the biggest change was the arrangements for the Queen's birthday parade. The number of full-scale rehearsals, known as "Guard Mounting from Horse Guards", are also to be reduced from four to three. This will produce

protecting the standard of the ceremony." Mr Hamilton said. Under the revised arrangements, the number of state visits will be limited to two a year, one of which may be in Windsor. At present, there are normally one or two state visits in London and one in Windsor. The announcement follows a review of the army's public duties, made necessary by the decision to reduce army manpower from 156,000 to 116,000 by 1995.

Minister sidesteps car firms' help plea

By KEVIN EASON MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

TIM Sainsbury, the industry minister, yesterday refused to respond to pleas from car companies for intervention to aid the motor industry, facing its third year of depression.

Mr Sainsbury, at the British International Motor Show, said that although the trade and industry department, headed by Michael Heseltine. wanted more contact with ind-ustry, it would not respond to every call to act. He said: "We have to strengthen our understanding of business and we have to have a continuing, high-level dialogue with every sector of British industry. But I must add a government health warning - strengthening the dialogue does not mean we will always agree with your representations."

The minister was challenged by Colin Hope, president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, who said that the UK home market posed manufacturers' most serious challenge.

Mr Hope said: "The kindest thing you can say about the government's economic policy is that it is muddled. We really are in danger of losing all that we have painstakingly built over the last few years. If the UK market continues to contract, or fails to expand, motor industry investment could take place elsewhere in Europe where a bigger marketplace exists. It must be an absolute priority for the government to spell out its programme for development of our manufacturing base."

Sales of new cars are expected to fall to 1.55 million this year, the lowest industry total for a decade and 750,000 below the 1989 peak. The pound's develuation has seen Ford raise the price of import-

ed models this week. But Albert E Sharp, the Birmingham stockbrokers, yest-erday said the devaluation might bring Britain's motor industry an unexpected boom, with the trade deficit in motor products becoming a £4 billion surplus by the mid-1990s.

Bouncers face the domino effect

By RONALD FAUX

BOUNCERS, those largeshouldered gentlemen skilled at putting a swift end to unruly disputes, have been called in to watch over the British domino championships.

A recent round of the Spa Hall in Bridlington, Humberside, ended in chaos after disagreement between players and supporters from the Rock and Fountain pub in Shrewsbury and Bramley workingmen's club. A player who thought he was on the verge of victory apparently mistook the number of holes in the crib board and an argument broke out.

Keith Masters, one of the organisers, said: "Some supporters were quite well oiled and became very excited. A dominoes championship is usually tense but calm. On this occasion it was not. A table with 200 beer glasses on it was overturned, some supporters were balancing on the edge of a 20ft high balcony and a telephone

was pulled from the wall." As a result of the rumpus, the Rock and Foun-tain, which went on to win the trophy, has been banned from future championships and the organisers have called in the services of "security specialists" to police the next competitions, in December. "We prefer not to call them bouncers but they are all big lads," Mr Masters said.

At the Rock and Fountain, where the trophy is on proud display, a spokesman for the team said a fuss was being made over nothing. "One or two of the lads got a bit excited and were shouting but they were being served with beer 15 hours a day in the expectation that people would not get drunk."

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Docklands developers are forced to the wall by high cost of empty offices and flats

Rents plummet as property firms feel the pressure

■ Will John Major's push for jobs and growth bring good news to London Docklands? A Times survey shows there to be an urgent need

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE inn sign that swings outside the new Cat and Canary in London Docklands shows a far cat locked inside a golden birdcage. It is a cruel irony that the sign has become symbolic of the clutter of fat cat developers caged in by receivers and administrators.

The 43,000 sq ft occupied by the Cat and Canary promises to make a profit for Fullers Brewery, but more than five million square feet of Dock-lands developments remains stubbornly empty. A survey for The Times shows that accountants have at some stage been called in to about 15 developments and that prices of commercial and residential property continue to fall.

Early forecasts of offices attracting rents of E30 a square foot or more are now a bad dream. A mere £5 a square foot can be negotiated, perhaps less. Ninety per cent of deals on offer involve rent-free periods, and leases have shrunk from 25-year terms to 10 years or under.

Commercial development is concentrated in the heart of Docklands at the Isle of Dogs. Further east, the Royal Docks area is expected to be the focal point of development over the next five to ten years. An additional 4.8 million sq ft of office space is scheduled for development in the Royal Docks over the next ten years.

Such development looks uncertain until the prospects for commercial development in

Dogs recover. Meanwhile. poor transport and over-emphasis on expensive property continue to dog the housing market. The yuppies that many developments were intended for have failed to materialise.

The residential market has seen prices drop by as much as 50 per cent and developers are still slashing prices, with the biggest drops seen in penthouses and luxury flats. At Vogan's Mill near Tower Bridge, prices have dropped by up to 50 per cent from 1988 levels. At New Crane Wharf Heron Homes have also dropped prices by up to 50 per cent and there are price falls too at Free Trade Wharf. Limehouse Basin, and Burrells Wharf.

The depressing news will disappoint the London Docklands Development Corporation, which has launched an image-saving campaign to revive the area, using adverts with characters who are "knockers" or "dockers". The "knockers" wish that Dock-lands had never been built. The "dockers" welcome the development and boast of savings in overheads and the ease of flying from City air-

Richard Cotton, a partner at Cluttons, the agents who did the survey, said: "Canary Wharf is still quoting rents of £25 to £30 a square foot. Nobody knows exactly what rates they are achieving, but the fact that Tower Hamlets

STRUGGLING TO STAY AFLOAT: 15 DEVELOPMENTS IN DEEP WATER SOUTH QUAY PLAZA 3 if: office 210,000 Cost: £49.38m in receivership May 1990 Bought by Wyn-Ro Invastments 8-9 HARBOUR EXCHANGE Sq ft: 177,000 Cost: £24,78π LONDON ARENA TOBACCO DOCK Sq ft: N/A Cost: E70m ceivership November 1990 CANARY WHARF Sq ft: 4.8m Cost: £572m administrative receivership May 1992 ntly bought by Bifley Propertie foracco doc PORT EAST Building not starte In administrative vership May 1992 EURO TRADE CENTRE Sq ft: 300,000 Cost: £4.2m DOCKLANDS FACT Biggest urban rede Cost N/A DOCKLANDS FACT **GULLIVERS WHARF** 600 hectares of derelict land reclaimed - twice size of City of London BURRELS WHARF Residential: 151 flats selling at £70,000 each In receivership August 1985 BUTLERS WHARF 10 acre site Cost: £10m+ BALTIC QUAY HORSLEY DOWN SO Sq ft: office/retail 100,000 Residential 170 flats Cost: \$2.8m in hands of its bankers April 1990 37-39 QUEEN ELIZABETH STREET q ft: 16,000 Cost: \$2.4m DOCKLANDS FACTS Businesses risen from 1,100 in 1981 to over 2,300 56% population growth since 1981: 39,429 to 61,500

council might move in, with the modest rents it can afford, shows how low rents are." At least five property com-

panies have gone into receivership or administrative receivership in the past six months, adding to the high-profile companies already in trouble, such as Olympia &

York, which went into administrative receivership in May, and Butlers Wharf, which went into administrative receivership in December 1990. Cluttons estimates that only 100,000 sq ft has been let this year compared with 350,000

the costs of keeping property empty rise. Four months ago, the enterprise zone status of the commercial part of the Isle of Dogs ended, and developers now have to pay "empty rates" of about £3.50 a sq ft as well as maintenance costs. sq ft last year. The pressure on developers is intensifying as The only interest in renting commercial space is coming

from small businesses and the government. The latest firms to move in between July and September include Ensleight Insurance Services, which rented 24,000 sq ft at South Quay, Western International University of Phoenix, Arizona, and Planet 24. Bob Geldof's television company,

instead of the international corporations, banks and me-dia companies originally envisaged. Both the environment department and the

transport department are considering reming space there.
The "dockers" cling to the hope that the Jubilee line will be extended into Docklands,

and this week London Underground held out the prospect of moving up to 2,000 staff into Canary Wharf - "but not if the line is not built".

If the line is approved, the "dockers" believe that the market could quickly pick up and perhaps persuade Fullers to let its cat out of its cage.

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Days in the doldrums leave humour in short supply

With race leaders less than 1,000 miles from Rio, end of stage one, Vivien Cherry, skipper of Coopers & Lybrand, reports

IT WAS not so much complacency that was our undoing in falling back from our early lead as making the wrong decision, staying on a central course to cover the fleet instead of going for the coastal route. We were really penalised for that, dropping from first to last, and are now lying ninth on total distance to go.

The doldrums are passed and we await the Atlantic's southeast trade winds. The doldrums were not what I expected: only one or two days of intense heat and no wind. with some sudden squalls of torrential rain. The rain and clouds were a welcome relief from the heat, and a good excuse for a fresh-water shower.

Water on board has to be rationed for huxuries such as washing, because we must make our own fresh water with a desalination unit, run whenever the engine is charging the batteries. Production in this warm water is about 30 gallons an hour, but the expected rate in the southern ocean would be half this.

We need to be aware of the water used, especially in this heat. On an individual basis, this is achieved by filling water bottles three times a day. The bottles are the type used by cyclists, making it easy to sip on demand, avoiding the danger of dehydration. The equator is less than a day away and crossing-the-line-preparations are under way. John, the only one on board to have crossed

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before, is to be Neptune, whose rituals involve barbers. bears, serpents and creatures of the deep. Strawberry whip dessert, mixed with whatever else is spare, will be the dunking medium, an essential part of the initiation; the rest I leave to your imagination.

Coopers & Lybrand now has that lived in feeling. Family photos, soft toys and individual stowages of string and netting make our yacht home for the eight-month race. Our daily routine has settled into a duty watch period of two hours sailing the boat, which involves helming, sail trim, writing the log and lookout. For the next two hours, this watch stands by to assist the duty watch with all manocuvres such as sail changes, tacks, gybes and reefs, and making the hot chocolate.

Four hours off watch follow, a time sacred to sleeping and eating. Not all off-watch time is required for sleep, so this

THE BRITISH STEEL CHALLENGE

becomes the games session; a very rowdy form of Pictionary is the current hobby. This has nurtured drawing talents also displayed in the daily cartoon on the wipe board in the saloon. No incident escapes the wit of these artists, from Richard's fishing exploits to Murray's washing adorning all guardrails. For the record Richard had a catch.

Another pastime is to invent and test ways of swimming, dunking and being towed by the yacht. Today's version had the victim in a climbing harness, attached to the spinnaker halyard; as the boat heels, the victim is suspended above the water and then lowered enough to get wet by skim-

ming the surface.

With the rising heat, tempers can get short. Add some slow and frustrating sailing, mix with 14 people, bake inside a steel hull and stand well clear. Standing clear is not an option, so instead we have a "sense of humour fail-ure" board. Only two failures are allowed a day, and each is marked out of ten. Top of the list was David when inadvertently woken two hours early for his watch. After the com-ments and the inevitable cartoon, he was all smiles again. Regular contact with other

challenge yachts occurs twice a day in an inter-vacht char show. This gives information on all the others' positions and provides a few seconds of competitive banter. Sightings of turtles and breakfasting on flying fish are no longer worth reporting, so we invented a challenge; for the results, wait for the report from Rio, where the final is to take place. A race competitor has inter-

rupted his battle with the Atlantic to propose to his girl triend (Tim Jones writes). Carol McBean was at home in Swindon when Michael Martin, 52, who is crewing with British Steel II, radioed her from 623 miles out in the ocean. Carol, 41, a publisher, accepted his offer and will fly to Rio to be married next month on the yacht in har-bour. She will be given away by Chay Blyth. The couple will have a four-day honeymoon preparing the yacht for the second leg of the race.

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When it pays to complain

BY ROBIN YOUNG

BRITONS are slow to complain and British companies sometimes even slower to respond, yet when they do their generosity can verge on the prodigal, according to a study by Dr Vince Mitchell of the Manchester School of Management.

Dr Mitchell sent a standard letter of complaint to 233 companies whose grocery products had been randomly selected. The response rate was 81 per cent and replies took on average eight working days. Dr Mitchell's complaint

letter was vague, to see how manufacturers reacted. More than a third wanted the sample returned. While almost a quarter of the companies sent no compensation, postal orders, vouch-ers, product samples, cheques and coins showered in from the rest.

Compensation and reimbursement varied from 40p to £6, with one in six firms sending 13 or more when the maximum price of any product was £1.50, Dr Mitchell reports in Consumer Policy Review, the Consumers' Association journal.

Business school head starts legal battle over sacking

By Matthew D'Ancona, Education correspondent

A LEADING business school faces a legal battle with its former head, who claims that his removal in June was unreasonable and reflects serious tensions within British business education. Paddy Fitzgerald, whose

contract as academic dean at the European Business School in Regent's Park, London, was not renewed this year, is taking his case to an industrial ribunal, claiming he was 'marched off the premises". He said that his removal followed a series of disputes about funding, quality control, and the ownership of the school, which has 450 fulltime students and advises the

The recession, he said, was forcing business schools to downgrade research and maximise profit from intensive teaching. "The conflict is between having academic battery-hens or allowing people to develop courses and do the research which underlies them." Research was now non-existent at the school, he

Derek Langham, chairman of the managing council, de-clined to discuss Mr Fitzgerald but said that the school was expanding successfully. "It is no easy task to create a positive

revenue position in today's climate but our first objective is to provide the best educational facility available." The school had recently applied for

a new research fund.

The disagreement is being watched closely by other business schools, some of which are finding the transition to leaner times difficult.

Tom Cannon, former direc-tor of Manchester Business School, said that the recession had accentuated the longrunning debate on the path Britain's 90 business schools should take. "A few years ago they were all pushing for expansion but the growth has now levelled," he said. Some



Fitzgerald: taking case to tribunal

schools were turning away from formal MBA courses to shorter programmes tailored to the needs of individual

companies. Ray Wild, principal of Henley Management College, said that his college had preserved a healthy research function by seeking commissions directly from companies.

☐ The attorney-general is to investigate a London student union after allegations of political campaigning in breach of its charitable status. Students at the University of

Greenwich passed a motion on October 12 affiliating their union to the Anti-Nazi League, which the libertarian Campaign for Student Freedom claims is a misuse of charitable funds.

Student unions are already campaigning against govern-ment proposals to introduce voluntary membership to the "last closed shop". Don Foster, Liberal Democrat education spokesman, said yesterday in an open letter to the National Union of Students that the planned reform demonstrated a "complete misunderstanding of the essential role these organisations play and was "intended to divert attention

from the real problems in higher education".

assets released A judge yesterday ruled that 22.3 million of a Scottish

newspaper's assets frozen by a senior Queen's Counsel pending a defamation action should be released. Lord Abernethy at the Court of Session, Edinburgh, said

that The Herald newspaper should instead lodge a £400,000 security on behalf of Robert Henderson OC, who is suing George Outram, publishers of The Herald, and three of its journalists for £750,000 in a defamation action. Lord Abernethy said £400,000 was a more appropriate sum for a security.

Refugees land

Forty-one refugees from the former Yugoslavia have arrived by ferry at Harwich. Essex, from Hamburg, The group is believed to have been financed by Islamic communities in Hull and Edinburgh. The Home Office has granted temporary admission.

Deer survives

A rare deer has been sighted on a remote island off the Weish coastline. Wildlife experts believe the Muntjak deer swam three miles across one of Britain's roughest stretches of water to reach Skomer Island. Dyfed after falling off a cliff.

Disease spreads

Several cases of the deadly bee disease varroasis have been detected in hives in the Felixstowe and Ipswich areas of Suffolk, the agriculture ministry said. Restrictions have been imposed.

Writer's award

Rachel Kelly, Times property correspondent, has won the National Home Improvement Council's 1992 Journalist Award, for her "outstanding contribution to debate and comment on housing policy and home improvement".

Dietrich allure

Marlene Dietrich's favourite bracelet tripled its estimate at Southebys in New York, selling for \$990,000 (£611,000) to an anonymous buyer. The 1930s ruby-encrusted bracelet was designed by the Paris jeweller Louis Arpels and had a leather

Beetle army unleashed on cereal killers

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FARMERS are learning to use nature to control nature by deploying regiments of beetles and spiders to destroy aphids, a scrious cereal pest, and reduce the need to spray crops with environmentally hostile

In a pioneering experiment, about 20 cereal farmers have created mid-field "beetle banks" — low ridges 1.5 yards wide and 18in high sown with tussocky grasses that provide a haven from which the woracious insects can sally forth in

Hugh Oliver-Bellasis, who farms 3,000 acres at Wootton St Lawrence, near Basingstoke, Hampshire, was the first to test the idea. He now has beetle-rich strips, from 350 to 1,000 yards in length, in five of his fields. The oldest was put in three years ago.

"I am convinced they are reducing aphid numbers," he said. "The amount of cropped acreage you sacrifice is minimal and the cost of establishing the ridges is no more than the time it takes a ploughman to make a double pass down a field. The main challenge is persuading farmers that the system works." The

"beetle bank" grew out of research by the Game Conservancy into the use of "conservation headlands" - strips six yards wide left uncultivated round the edges of arable fields — to increase the supply of insects for young partridges to eat. Chick survival improved sharply. The researchers found that the field-side strips also harboured large numbers of wild flowers, butterflies, small mammals and predatory insects that would otherwise have been killed or driven out by spraying

and ploughing.

But the beneficial beetles and spiders are flightless and unable to reach far into the centre of large fields from such headland refuges. By creating uncropped-strips in the middle of fields, the researchers reasoned, the insects' range and aphid consumption would be much

Dick Potts, a zoologist who pioneered the research, said: "These mid-field strips harbour up to 1,500 insects per square metre. The beedles spend the winter there and move out into the crop in the spring. They work at night, climbing up into the ear of the wheat to get at the aphid, and

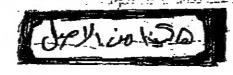
are gone by dawn. It must be like scaling Nelson's column every night."

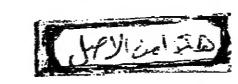
Dr Potts, who will take over as director

general of the conservancy next year, was yesterday presented with the 1992 Massey Ferguson National Agricultural Award, by John Gummer, the agriculture minister, at the Royal Society of Arts. In a lecture delivered afterwards, Dr Potts said beetle banks could be ecologi-

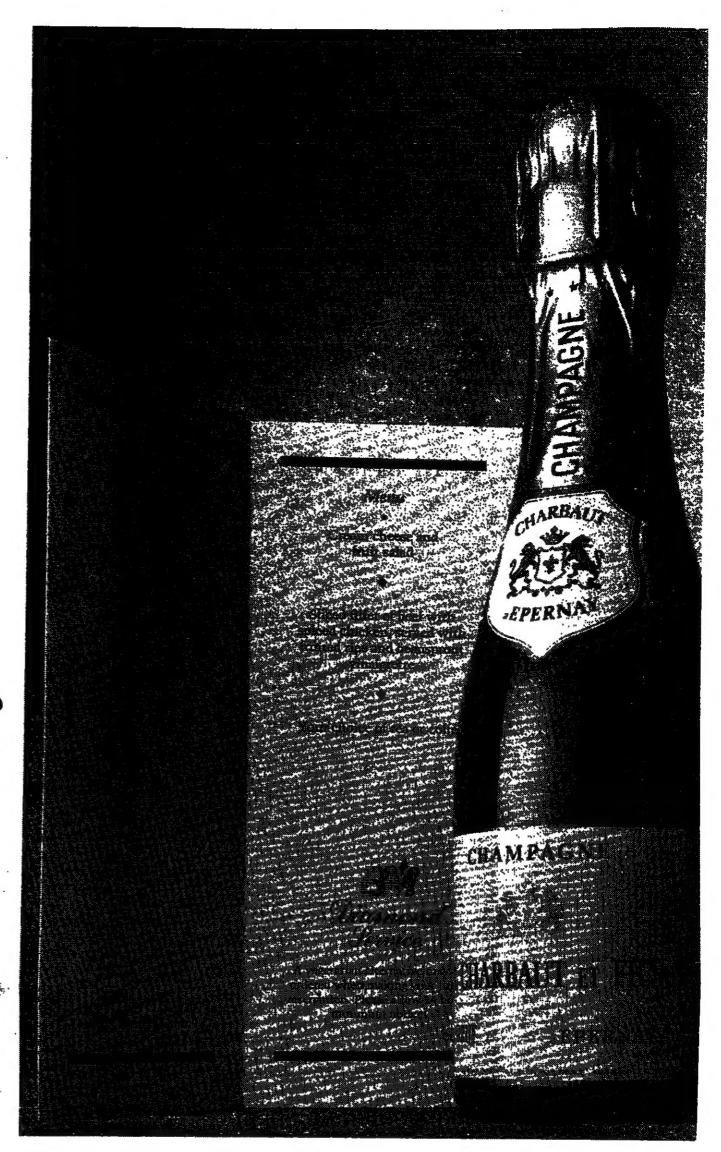
cally even more valuable than hedgerows and should receive government grants. He said that cereal crops, if managed less intensively, could be much richer plant and animal habitats than other forms of landscape that farmers were being expen-sively paid to restore. The conversion of arable fields to grassland on the South Downs, for example, was replacing "cereal eco-system wildlife with a much less diverse flora and fauna".

Dr Potts said that the 15 per cent of arable fields that farmers were expected to take out of production under the European Community's set-aside scheme could provide new wildlife habitiss. But there was a danger that farming would be intensified on land still growing crops.





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MPs are offered a 'genuine review' as Labour widens power industry debate

Heseltine promises new study on fate of threatened pits

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THE government is to publish a white paper early in the new year on the future of the 31 pits named last week as destined for closure and on the coal and energy industry gen-erally. Michael Heseltine told the Commons yesterday.

The ten pits which were not reprieved on Monday may still be kept open, he made clear. They will be put on a care and maintenance basis. Under the review procedure before a pit is closed. British Coal is under an obligation not to do anything which could prejudice the outcome of that review. Mr Heseltine told MPs. The president of the board of trade also undertook to look again at the legislation on the privatisation of the electricity industry if that legis-lation is found to be flawed, as many Conservative MPs have argued

Mr Heseltine, who was subjected to a barrage of interruptions as he set out his plans, said that the white paper would be set in the context of government energy policy and the economic consequences of that policy for British Coal, the implications for individual pits and the employment prospects for the industry.

Throughout his speech. Mr Heseitine was interrupted and barracked, and at one time it appeared that the House might have to be suspended. But the heckling influenced one potential Conservative rebel to support the govern-ment. Michael Carttiss (Great Yarmouth) declared that the behaviour of Labour MPs had persuaded him to support Mr Heseltine in the lobbies.

Mr Heseltine undertook to listen carefully to the many points being made about the future of the coal industry. particularly those being put by

■ During a noisy Labour debate on coal, Michael Heseltine pledged a white paper on the mines' future

Torv MPs. "I believe I will be able to address their concerns," he said. "I intend to look separately at every one of the 21 pits in question and decide whether the case for

closure has been fully made. "I have today invited Boyds. an international mining consultancy of world repute, to report to me on the viability of those pits, on the prospects for British Coal, including any alternative markets that may exist for its product, and to comment on the competitiveness of British Coal as an

organisation.
"I shall be having discus-

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sions with the generators and the 12 electricity companies to satisify myself that the market prospects for coal have been correctly assessed and that no company is abusing its position in the market place.

"I shall of course consult the regulator charged by Parliament with these responsibilities. I will report to the House on the level of coal stocks both at the pithead and at the power stations. I will consider whether the plans to run them down are reasonably based," Mr Heseltine said.

"I will set out to the House the consequences of the switch to gas and the whole question of whether gas is cheaper. I will produce for the House the latest estimate of the likely reserves of gas and the conclusions we draw from this.

"I will report to the House on the present scale of gasgenerated power stations in production, in build and in the planning process, and will review the use of the consent powers as foreshadowed by my predecessor (Peter Lilley) in his statement of March 9."

At this point Robin Cook, the shadow industry secretary, interrupted to ask why Mr Heseltine had not done all these things before announcing last week's decision. Mr Heseltine said the govern-ment had considered all these things but the House wanted better and further details. "I will be considering whether it is sensible to mothball some of the 21 pits which were to be closed. I will examine once again the opportunities for the private sector in the produc-

tion of coal.
"Finally, I will report on the existing and anticipated level of imports and the wider economic implications of these. Throughout this process I will be pleased to receive the views of all interested parties both inside and outside this House. The consultation process will be aimed at considering all views without restriction and they will have no pre-ordained outcome. The concerns of this House will be fully met in that respect. It will be a genuine review. It will need all the three-month period.

Mr Heseltine warned MPs that demand for coal from the electricity generators would fall from 65 million tonnes this year to 40 million tonnes at most next year and only 30 million tonnes thereafter.

Neil Kinnock, the former Labour leader, intervened to say: "You have invested so much in your judgment that the economic case for the closure of 31 collieries is, in your words, 'absolutely unan-



Off to battle: Mr Heseltine leaves his London house yesterday before the debate on pit closures

swerable', that nobody can realistically believe that you have got what the prime minister calls 'an open mind'." Mr Heseltine denied reports that more pits were to be added to the list of 31. "I have instructed British Coal that there is to be no change in the

number of pits on the closure

list," he said, "It is ten and there will be no change in that number. I hope there will be no room for doubt about that

Economic recovery, page 2

Cook presses Opposition case for full-scale energy review

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

LABOUR

before lunch and before dinner and then we'll get up and do it the next

Mr Cook vowed to use

the British coal

He demanded: "How

Mr Cook said Britain was

left with an "energy strategy

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higher unemployment and

deeper recession; no sense to

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industry.

LABOUR last night seized on over pit closures to press home demands for a full-scale energy review stretching far be-yond the future of the coal

Robin Cook, Labour's shadow industry secretary, made it clear in the House of Commons that simple reconsideration of the pit closure programme would not be sufficient and had to be part of a full review of Britain's energy policy.

Mr Cook capitalised on the

public's anger and the unease among Conservative backbenchers as he pledged to fight a relentless campaign over the closure of 31 pits, and demanded significant changes to the control of the

electricity industry.

In a powerful speech at the start of an Opposition debate on the future of the coal industry, Mr Cook concentrated on exposing Mr Heseltine's own difficulties during a week in which the government has already been forced to change

Labour was particularly anxious to highlight the anomaly of Britain using imported coal which was more expensive than domestic supplies. "What other country in Europe would be daft enough to make itself dependent on imported energy when it is sitting on hundreds of years of coal reserves?" he

Mr Cook called on Mr
Heseltine to take control of the
electricity companies to ensure
that they bought the cheapest
fuel available. The president of
the board of trade would be
hounded until he showed the courage and humility to admit that he was wrong over plans to shut the pits.
"He should now admit he

got it wrong and promise that there will be a real review of energy strategy." Mr Cook

"If he does not show that courage I warn him that we will harry him at every turn. We will press the case of

He made capital out the prime minister's comment vesterday that the frenetic atmosphere of the Commons had prevented Mr Heseltine from giving full details during his two-hour statement on Monday. To cheers and laughter from the Opposition benches, Mr Cook said: The great communicator was unable to express himself in the

frenetic atmosphere of the

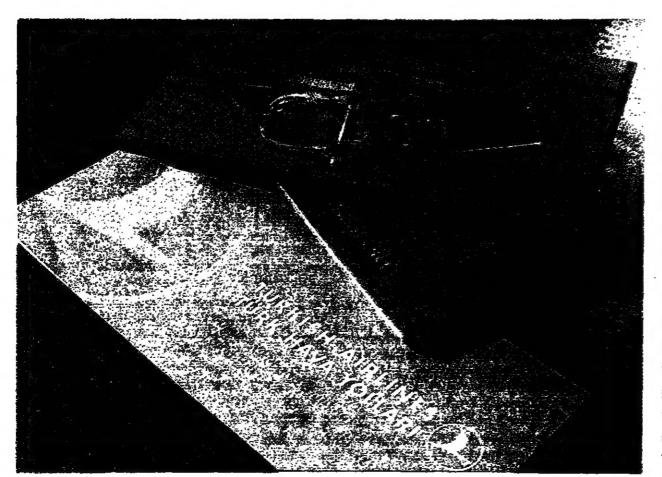
public pressure to change the government's plans. "We will mobilise the public anger you have aroused until you admit you were wrong and agree that the British economy does House." He also demanded to know who was responsible for the seriously can we take the proposition that, having made Leader of the House of Lords this immense blunder, the president (of the board of trade) is just the man to make a success of reviewing had given more detail of the planned review of the coal industry than Mr Heseltine

had given. He attacked the government for refusing to review the future of all 31 pits and allowing ten pits to close.
"Why shut a fifth of Britain's coal industry before we get the answers? They are closing pits to buy from a more expensive source and he should not let



The case for coal: Robin Cook at the dispatch box

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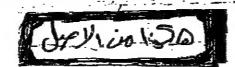
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'Labour has ensured that Mr Heseltine has my support'

Rebel Tories slip back into cabinet camp

By Robert Morgan and John Winder

THE Tory backbench rebellion over the government's attitude to the coal industry was lest disappearing as the crucial Commons debate got under way last night. Any wavezers were swayed back behind the government by the barracking of Labour MPs as Michael Heseltine, president of theboard of trade, set out in detail how he intended to conduct a review of coal and

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energy policy.

Mithael Carttiss, the Tory

MP for Great Yarmouth. spokefor many when, with the House in near uproar, he pointed across the chamber and said: "Those people have ensued that this man (Mr Heseline) has my total

support."
His comment was greeted with oud cheers and waving of order papers by the massed ranks of Conservative MPs.

The wounds in the party started to be bound up on Monlay after the prime minister had lunched with the executive of the backbench 1922 committee, John Major was said to have aimed some sharp comments at Sir Marcus Fox, the chairman, who last Friday said the pit closure

programme was unacceptable.

Although Dr Michael Clark, a leading rebel, suck to his guns a yesterday's debate, there was not the avalanche of criticism which party managers had expected over the

surance that miners who lost their jobs after all would not suffer because of the defer-ment of closures announced in the past few days.

Mr Bruce when he said that miners were anxious about how their payments might be calculated. The minister said he had instructed British Coal that no miner must be disadvantaged by the announce-

ments of the past few days.

Mr Bruce nevertheless urged Conservative MPs to vote against the government, telling them: "If you back the government, you will live to regret it and so will your supporters." He called for a more fundamental reapprais-

al of energy policy.

"A defeat for the govern-ment tonight would be welcomed, even by most Tory

Mr Bruce said he found it difficult to see how a govern-ment which had persisted in mismanaging energy policy for so long would come back in three months with a substantially different policy, but to suggest that there was no liternative to one's policy was the last refuge of the

Coal faced a squeeze in the market, not because of the inevitable forces of the market. ers had expected over the but because it had been put at weekend.

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Sir Marcus Fox leads the way as Tories rally behind the government

anyone believe that it would conduct its energy policy in a

proper way when it had never provided a level playing field

Sir Rhodes Boyson (Brent

North) called for a full and

total and open review, which would cover the whole issue of

energy policy. He also said

that the government had to make employment a priority

and not concentrate only on

inflation, particularly as it

for coal in the past?

danger of slipping from reces-

sion into depression. "I would welcome nil inflation but I

don't want nil inflation if there

He thought that "energy pricing had been rigged against the miners. That

should be looked at." The

policy of discarding 250 years

worth of coal for the sake of 20

is nil employment."

pits, as the only basis of credibility for a genuine re-view, rather than simply a stay of execution.

The first Conservative backbencher to speak, Michael Alison (Selby) has one of Britain's newest coalfields in his constituency and said that it was to those pits of the future Mr Heseltine should look and not be mesmerised by 19th century pits reaching the end of their natural lives.

He was followed by Kevin Barron (Rother Valley, Lab) from the South Yorkshire coaffield, who protested that coalminers were being pre-

Opponent stands firm

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

DR MICHAEL Clark, one of the most senior and vociferous Tory opponents of the pit closure programme, insisted that he would not support the government unless all 31 col-lieries were included in the review. But he added: "I shall not be voting against the government but for the coal

industry."

The former chairman of the now defunct Commons' energy select committee said that e government had repeatedly ignored the advice of select committees and he doubted that it would take notice of any report by the trade and industry select committee, of which he is a member.

He was tired of the government investing in the demise of industry through redun-dancy payments. The government, in offering these massive redundancy terms has misread the mood of the public in this country who do not want redundancies and misread the mood of miners who do not want charity

He said that British Coal planned to reduce prices to the same level as world costs by 1995. "What are we thinking of cutting out 60 per cent of the coal industry within two years of getting down to world coal prices?" He demanded that the government commit itself to clean-burn technology for coal-fixed power stations.

PM 'under stress' story is attacked

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

An article in The Times alleging that Mr Major is under intense pressure. has suffered weight loss and is lonely was subject to an extraordinary barrage of criticism from Downing

Street yesterday.

At a lobby briefing officials went to great lengths to criticise details in the article. that portrayed the prime minister as a man subject to immense stress.

Sir Norman Fowler, Conservative party chairman last night issued a statement accusing The Times of "inaccurate and malicious" iournalism.

The report suggested that Mr Major was under enormous strain, had lost weight, ate junk food. It also referred to a widely reported rumour that he had had a "nervous wobble" on "Black Wednesday". Peter Stothard, the editor

of The Times, said he stood by the story and pointed out that it had come from a number of sources who supported John Major. "The report by Graham Paterson and Andrew Pierce arose from an investigation of reports circulating widely in London about the prime minister's health on September 16. Several well placed sources, none of them Euro-sceptics and all

of them sincere supporters of Mr Major, said that his sive stress and inadequate

personal support. That was

the purport of the article in The Times by which we

stand." Sir Norman responded: "In seeking to justify their report on the prime minister the editor of *The Times* is

defending the indefensible."

Downing Street claimed the material had been "planted" by Tory Euro-sceptics anxious to give the impression that Mr Major did not have the stamina to govern. "We all know where this is coming from and it has got no relation to the current debate, " an official said. Officials said it was "total nonsense" that Mr Major had cracked up on the day Britain withdrew from the ERM. They also denied that he had lost weight, eaten junk food or tinted his hair. They said the prime minister had laughed at the article.

hey made much of the I fact that Sarah Hogg. head of the Downing Street policy unit, reported to have two young children, in fact had children aged 19 and 22. The prime minister's press secretary, Gus O'Donnell, had a two-yearold daughter not a baby as

reported. Downing Street said: it was "amazed" that the editor stood by the story. "We will just have to go through it line by line and make clear it was wrong."

Unliked but healthy, page I

Ashdown warns MPs against 'silliness'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

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Also, as a Times reader

PADDY Ashdown has told. senior Liberal Democrats that h they must take a grip on the internal management of the party to wold its public image-

being damaged.

In a confidential strategy, paper arculated to Liberal Democat MPs last night Mr Ashdovn comments on last month; party conference, and says there was an impression that some of the "silliness and unrulisess" of the old Liberal

party was re-emerging.
The conference in Harrogate wasmarred, in the eyes of senior Liberal Democrats, by a return to what many saw as-

old Liberal habits of voting for "off-the-wall" motions, indiscipline, and self-indulgent attacks on the leadership. It was dominated by the debate over

closer links with Labour. In a discussion of tactics Mr Ashdown tells his MPs that the prime minister's personal standing has been greatly reduced. The charge we were the first to make against him of failure of leadership has now been picked up by Labour and has stuck. I am told he finds it personally wounding. He is especially sensitive to personal criticism and being made fun of."

AROUND THE LOBBY

110 jail escapers still free

One hundred and ten

prisoners out of nearly

1,500 who escaped in the last four years are still at large or unaccounted for, Peter Lloyd, a home office minister, said in a Commons written reply. Between June 20, 1988, and August 31, this year, 1,461 prisoners, some on remand, escaped in England and Wales. By the end of August, 1,348 had been recaptured, after an average 29.5 days, and three were known to be dead, leaving 101 men and nine women at large. Two were top-security Category A. 10 Category B, 53 Category C, two Category D and 43 not categorised, being on remand, young offend-

French 'non'

ers, civil prisoners or women not in Category

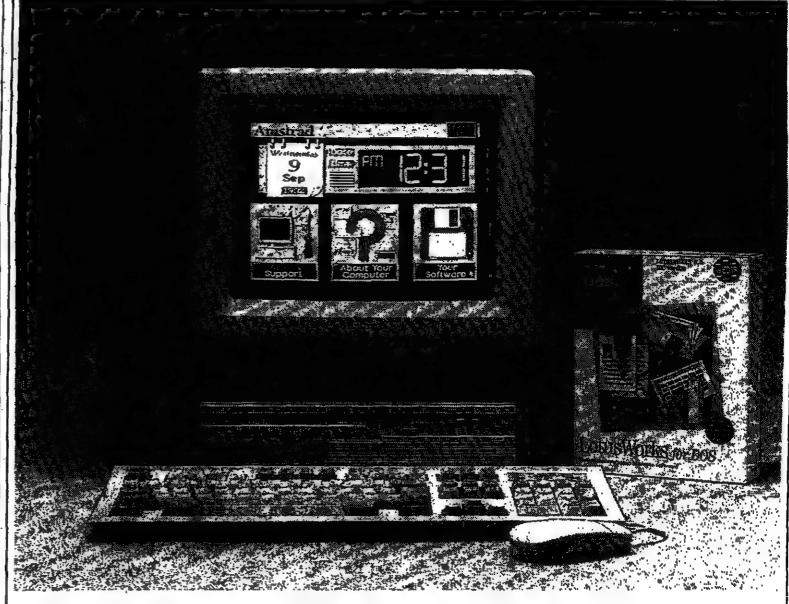
The French government has said that it will not pay compensation for those British businesses and tourists who suffered as a result of the long disoute in France last summer. Kenneth Carlisle, the transport minister, reporting the reaction in a written reply in the Commons, said that the British gov emment had made clear that it supported the compensation claims. He added the French government had not yet responded to all claims.

Treasury pay

There are 87 economists working in the Treasury at a total annual combined remuneration of about £2,500,000, Anthony Nelson, economic secretary to the Treasury, said in a written Commons reply.

Lord Walker

Peter Walker, the former energy minister, appointed to co-ordinate aid to mining communities, was introduced in the Lords yesterday as Lord



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RLINES

Muslim clash with Croats may force UK to move troops

By Michael Evans and Our Foreign Staff

THE fierce fighting between Muslims and Croats in Vitez, the central Bosnian town cho-sen as Britain's battle group headquarters, could force a rethink in London.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, said yesterday that he had called for a full report on the fighting in Vitez on Tuesday, when British soldiers in the town came under fire. Mr Rifkind said that, from the preliminary reports he had received, the soldiers were not deliberately targeted. It would be "a major concern", he said, if there was a deliberate attempt to attack British troops or any other

Vienna rejection

AUSTRIA yesterday dis-missed a request by Milan Panic to loosen sanctions (Fim Judah writes from Vienna). The beleaguered Yugoslav prime minister was visiting the Austrian capital to secure help for his government, which is locked in a power struggle with Slobodan Milosevic. the Serbian president.

soldiers operating with the United Nations humanitarian mission in Bosnia.

He added, however, that it was inevitable that British soldiers would be close to areas of fighting as they carried out their humanitarian role.

Vitez was chosen as the site for the British headquarters after the original location, Tuzia, farther north, was rejected as unsuitable and impractical. Tuzla, a Muslim enclave surrounded by Serbian artillery positions, has suffered fierce shelling in recent

A reconnaissance party, led by Brigadier David Jenkins, director of military operations. selected Vitez, northwest of Saraievo, because the ethnic mix is Croat and Muslim. The two communities are supposedly allied in the battle against

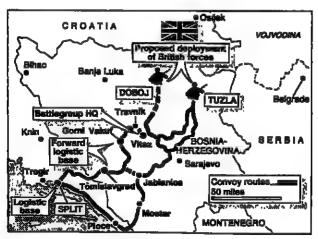
the Serbs. However, the fighting between Muslims and Croats in Vitez and elsewhere in Bosnia has emphasised the unpredictable nature of the task facing the British troops.

Speaking after a meeting of Nato defence ministers at Gleneagles, Mr Rifkind said it was the judgment of Brigadier Jenkins that Vitez was a suitable base for the headquarters. Most of the 2,400 troops being sent to Bosnia will be stationed there. "I have no reason to believe that that judgment has changed," he said. However, he added, if it was concluded that the deploy-ment plan needed to be modified. "I will listen very carefully."

The soldiers who came under fire had been trying to leave Vitez by vehicle for the port of Split in Croatia. About 1,000 British soldiers will have arrived in Bosnia by the end of this month. The 1st Battalion The Cheshire Regiment, which will use Warrior infantry fighting vehicles to escort food relief convoys, is due to be fully operational by November 13.

The headquarters in Vitez is likely to be at an old barracks vacated by the national army of the former Yugoslavia, although the buildings are in a poor state of repair. Alija Izetbegovic, the Muslim president of Bosnia, blamed radical Croat factions yesterday for the fighting in Vitez. "Some radical forces on the Croatian side are trying to provoke a conflict there, some radicals who are trying to make a state within a state," he said in

Mr Izetbegovic said that he would send a senior military officer to talk to the Serbs besieging Sarajevo. The Bosnian Muslims have boycotted talks because the Serbs have blocked the restoration of utilities to the city. Word of the clashes between Muslims and Croats in Vitez came after eight United Nations relief workers there said that they were trapped by fighting and called for help.



Fears for British soldiers intensify

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN SPLIT

THE eruption of fighting in Vitez has focused attention on the danger of British troops being caught in the crossfire in Bosnia. The main body of soldiers from the United Kingdom will be arriving in Split in a few

days.

The advance party has been working to establish Vitez, already a key distribution centre for relief operations, as the main co-ordinating headquarters for escorting aid convoys on the hazardous journeys through Bosnia. The British force is travelling in Warrior tracked vehicles, which military sources say proved their worth in the Gulf, and in Scimitar light reconnaissance vehicles. Both are armed with roofrecounted cannons. Stores, buildozers and trucks for the troops are expected to arrive in Split in about a

The 80 British troops in Split — some from the Cheshires, some Royal Engineers — will probably be accommodated eventually in a former Yugoslav army barracks in the nearby seaside town of Trogir. In contrast to Vitez, Split and Trogir have been rather more peaceful than the

troops expected.
"We got off the plane dressed in flak jackets and all we saw was a lot of well dressed people and expen-sive cars. But you can see there is a problem here,"

said Sgt Gari Stoker. "Some of the locals think we are a peacekeeping force," said Sgt Stoker, 29, who has been in the army for 112 years. "They keep asking why we didn't come earlier and are a bit uptight. But we've come here to feed people, and that's

what we are going to do."

The British troops, like all other members of the multinational force in the former Yugoslavia, wear a blue UN beret and white badge, as well as their own regimental insignia. But while morale is so far high among soldiers and offi-cers, there is still a belief that the British troops have drawn the short straw in

The area around Vitez is volatile and the troops will have to escort aid convoys to beleaguered towns across front lines, often a fraught and perilous underfraught and perilous under-taking. Underneath the genuine belief that the Brit-ish military contingent will make a key contribution to saving lives in the harsh Bosnian winter runs a strong undercurrent of

not like the Gulf war, which was run from headquarters and banks of computers. It is an anarchic, confusing, fluid and vicious confrontation, often with little or no regard for the human rights of the civilians caught up with it.

Sarajevo battle halts **UN** airlift

FROM DESSATRUVISIAN IN BELGRADE

FIGHTING in and around Sarajevo brought the interna-tional relief operation there to a halt yesterday. A UN spokesman said that all air relief has been suspended indefinitely because of fighting between Serbs and Muslims close to

Larry Hollingworth, the UN logistics officer in Saraje-vo, said the UN High Commissioner for Refugees had ordered the suspension because the air corridors into the Bosnian capital had become too dangerous.

A British and a Canadian plane delivered supplies to the capital yesterday morning, but 12 remaining shipments were cancelled. An American plane was forced to return to Zagreb without landing. On Tuesday, 15 planes reached the airport with 141 tons of aid, far short of the 200 tons needed daily to supply the city adequately with food and other essentials.

The relief flights, hampered by bad weather and repeated blockades of the road linking the airport to the city, are crucial because of the virtual halt in overland relief ship-



Victors and vanquished: near Maglaj, central Bosnia, Serb troops give their three-finger salute from a truck holding Muslim prisoners

ments. Serbian sources claimed heavy fighting near the town of Trebinje in Bos-nia-Herzegovina, and said that the Croats had launched an attack from the territories south of Dubrovnik, which only less than 24 hours before been evacuated by the

Yugoslav army. Belgrade radio said that strong Croatian forces had been moved to the region after the Yugoslav army pulled out. Now the Serb sources claim that Croatia had deployed new armed forces, 16,000 strong, and that the attack began with

artillery fire from Cavtat, south of Dubrovnik, with infanity pushing forward and threatening Trebinje. Serb local authorities there have called up all reservists. ☐ Alba nians jailed: Nineteen ethnic Albanians were convicted of planning to use violence

to seek independence for the troubled Kosovo province and given sentences from one to seven years, media reports

They allegedly belonged to an illegal group, the National pendence from Serbiaby vio-lent means, said Belgrades. Borba daily. About 100 ethnic Albanians have died include with Serbian police sitce the state government thre years ago abolished the wide omy hitherto enjoyed by



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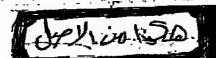
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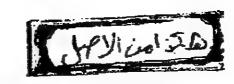
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Gatt prospects fade after Paris rejects US pressure

From Charles Bremner IN PARIS

HE RSDAY OR TOBIRS

THE prospects for a new accord on world trade dimmed yesterday after President Mitterrand said that the United States had offered nothing that could bridge the difference with France over food exports.

"The Americans have made real concessions in the past few days on other trade issues but absolutely none on agricul-nire," the president told the cabinet in a report on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) talks.
Leaders at last week's

Birmingham summit publicly stood by France in its resistance to cuts in exports sought by the Americans, but their patience is wearing thin. M Mitterrand told the cabinet that he valued Germany's support during talks between the Commission and American negotiators in the past ten days, but yesterday Philippe Maystadt, the Belgian finance minister, urged Paris to compromise for the sake of the \$200 billion (£124 billion) worth of trade that experts say will be stimulated by a new

World trade talks are on the brink of collapse, but France and America are bogged down by mutual recriminations over food exports, despite an EC call for a compromise

accord in the so-called Uniguay Round. "I understand why it is difficult for France." he said. "I hope my French friends will be able to join their European partners."

France, which is the European Community's biggest grain exporter, has refused to accept any limits on subsidised cereals exports beyond the price cuts and set-aside programme agreed earlier this year in a reform of EC agriculture policy.

The Americans are demanding a 24 per cent cut in the volume of subsidised EC cereals exports over the next six years. M Mitterrand's administration is convinced that it will face violent revolt by the country's embittered farmers if it gives a millimetre on the American demands.

Last week the Bush administration said that it had made its last offer on agriculture and urged the Community to reach agreement in the Brussels talks. If no accord is forged by the end of the year, the likely change of American leadership will impose long accusing the Americans of forcing their hands for the

sake of improving George

Bush's election chances.

Over the past week, France has sought to divert attention from the farm dispute by raising two other issues that it says are impeding agreement. It wants the Americans to go back to their computers and produce a new set of figures taking into consideration the effect the devalued dollar on farm trade. Elisabeth Guigou. the European affairs minister. said that it was impossible to negotiate trade in abstraction

achievement reflected the from exchange rates.

France is also acting as the good health of the economy and M Sapin said that the champion of film-makers and German loan had been the broadcasters against Ameriprimary instrument against can demands for access to the the markers' "aggression".

at a European film makers' gathering last weekend, Mme Guigou promised French resistance to American attempts to quash EC quotas on non-EC films broadcast on television. "Whole professions would be condemned" if the Americans had their way, she told foreign reporters on Mon-day, depicting the farm dispute as just one of several ssues blocking a trade accord. M Mitterrand congratulattheir "victory" in the battle to protect the franc from devaluation. Michel Sapin, the finance minister, said the tide had turned definitively a week ago. The battle had cost France 160 billion francs (£19 billion) in loans from the Bundesbank. A "considerable part" of that had been repaid. he said. "It is the first time the franc has emerged as the victor from a speculative attack of this type," M Sapin added.

M Mitterrand said that the

White magic a pearl-bedecked model wearing an embroidered glossy silk jacket from Ungaro's spring ready-to-wear collection in Paris





French fume over lost pleasures

By Charles Bremner

The French laugh at I what they see as the puritanical zeal which is purging America of its pleasures great and small, from sex to mayonnaise. Thanks to the progressive enthusiasm of the Socialist government, however, some cherished French traditions are about to succumb to American-inspired reform.

On Monday, the Nat-ional Assembly gave over-whelming approval to one of Europe's toughest laws on sexual harassment and, a week from Sunday, the police start enforcing an anti-smoking law so stringent that some experts are predicting civil unrest.

Coming soon after the government's ill-fated attempt to force citizens to drive less lethally and the subsequent mutiny by long drivers, the two laws are being viewed in some quarters as an alien plot to rob the country of its ancient identity.
The French are deeply

attached to cigarette cul-ture. Local cales are unimaginable without a cloud of Gauloises and Gitanes, both produced by the state tobacco monopoly.

The state is spending £4 million on an advertising campaign depicting out-door types saying they are "free and strong" without tobacco, but the message has yet to get through. "How will a smoker be able to pick up a non-smoker?" wondered Patrick Malvaes. president of the national union of discotheques, alluding to the segregation required by the law.

Small cafe and restaurant owners are growing desperate because the law demands they put smokers in discrete, ventilated areas. The rules make proprietors of any place fre-quented by the public and any workplace liable to heavy fines and prison terms for allowing smoking

G enevieve Dormann, a Paris writer, was wondering this week why they do not "ban aperitifs and ... while they are at it, deprive the French of the pleasure of farting as well". More allowance for tradition is being made in the matter of harcelement

sexuel, a term translated

from the American. The law provides for 12 months' imprisonment for bosses who make menacing approaches to subordinates. but it tries to avoid interfering in the time-honoured play between the sexes.

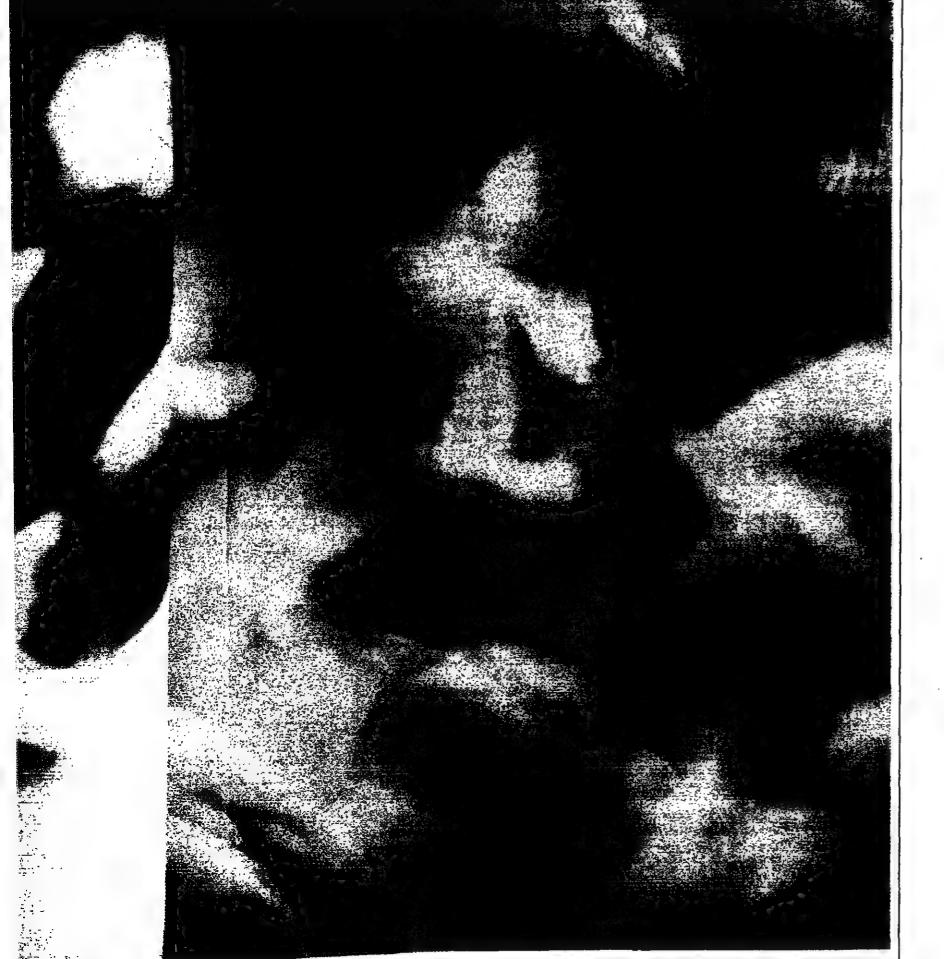
Veronique Neiertz, the secretary of state for womexcesses of American sexual correctness where "even the slightest wink can be misinterpreted". Her ministry advises women on the receiving end of unwanted attentions to respond with "a good slap in the face".

A few men have been grumbling in the media about importing absurd US notions, but office Lotharios are unlikely to be confronted with any Gallic Anita Hills. According to one survey by Le Point magazine, 45 per cent of French women would not consider it harassment if a male colleague invited them to spend the weekend to discuss their promotion.

W hile raising con-sciousness about sex and tobacco this week, the government has also been busy trying to revive another of the endangered French pleasures. gastronomie.

A thousand chefs, from the great Paul Bocuse to young assistants, visited schools across the country on Monday to give children a glimpse of the art of fine cuisine. La Semaine du Goût (better untranslated as Taste Week), supported by Jack Lang, the education minister. is driven by alarm that with the invasion of American fast food and two-career families, the French are no longer passing on their culinary heritage. Students are also being given cut-price meals at venerable restaurants. While no one is criticis-

ing La Semaine du Goût. many are questioning the media-mad M Lang. He also chose this week for a heavily publicised operation in which each French schoolchild was asked to donate one kilo of rice to the starving children of Somalia. The result was a 6.000-tonne food shipment and a black mark to the education minister for his





Britain to get test approval

FROM MICHAEL EVANS

WASHINGTON has emphasised that Britain will be able to carry out tests on nuclear warheads in the United States before the 1996 ban on testing recently agreed by Congress.

Congress voted for a ninemonth moratorium starting from October 1, followed by a

maximum of five tests each year until 1996. For Britain to carry on testing. Washington needed to guarantee that some of the 15 tests could be carried

Although nothing has been said officially, defence sources at a two-day Nato meeting in Gleneagles confirmed that Washington would permit three out of the 15 to be given to Britain. However, the likelihood of a new president in the White House means there is still an element of doubt.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, said yesterday that it was important for Britain to carry out tests for safety reasons and to ensure the "credibility" of the British independent nuclear deterrent. The tests on the warhead for the Trident ballistic missile have been completed. However, tests are required on the warhead designed for a future

tactical air-to-surface missile. The RAF needs to replace the aging WE177 nuclear freefall bomb, although no decision has been taken on whether to go ahead with a stand-off missile. Mr Rifkind said the decision was still "several months away". Officiais are studying alternatives

for a delivery system. President Bush did not veto the test restrictions imposed by Congress. However, Richard Cheney, the American defence secretary, said yesterday that Mr Bush had made it clear it was an unwise move. Russia and France have also imposed

NEWS IN BRIEF

Minefield kills illegal immigrants

Athens: Two Romanians crossing into Greece were killed in a minefield vesterday hours before Greek and Turkish officials began talks on stemming the flow of illegal immigrants from Turkey.

Police said six illegal Romanian immigrants were trying to cross the Evros river from Turkey when they stumbled into the minefield. Two were killed instantly, three were seriously injured, and another escaped unhurt. (AP)

Toll increases

Bad Sassendorf: Two residents of a pensioners' home in this German town died from salmonella poisoning, bringing the deaths in a five-day-old scandal to 15. (AFP)

Dam dateline

Prague: Czechoslovakia will begin work to dam the Danube by November 3 as one of the first steps of its controversial hydro-electric power scheme. (Reuter)

Star trinket

New York: A diamond and ruby bracelet worn by Marlene Dietrich in Stage Fright. an Alfred Hitchcock film, fetched \$990,000 (£611,000) at Sotheby's. It went to a telephone bidder. (Reuter)

Ship released

Oslo: Russia freed a Greenpeace ship in Murmansk after stopping it nine days ago as it tried to inspect Arctic nuclear dumps. (Reuter)

Bugs hunted

Moscow: Russian security officials are helping German authorities remove bugs planted in the new German embas-

Bush takes the track south in search of a last-minute switch

FIRED by his much stronger performance in the final de-bate in Michigan, President Bush yesterday displayed newfound determination while on a whistle-stop tour through Southern states and vowed he would emulate Harry Tru-man's celebrated 1948 comefrom-behind election victory.

Dismissing the opinion polls and the press as "nutty". the president urged large crowds in small-town Georgia and the Carolinas to remember that there were 13 days to go until polling day. Speaking from the back of

his Spirit of America train, Mr Bush ridiculed Bill Clinton's record as a "failed governor of a small state" and warned boisterous, placardwaving audiences along railway tracks and at crossroads that his Democrat rival was a waffler" who had deceived people over his Vietnam draft record. "You cannot lead by misleading," he said.

The president focused repeatedly on what he described as a "vast difference in experience and character" between himself and Mr Clinton. "Character is important and you cannot in that Oval Office be all things to all people."
As Mr Bush talked of swing-

TURNOUT in American

dropped steadily from 62.8 per cent in 1960, when John

Kennedy beat Richard Nixon

by a mere 118,550 votes, to a

feeble 50.1 per cent in 1988.

This year the electorate is set to

buck that trend. It is angry

and fearful, and every indica-

tor suggests resurgent interest in the democratic process.

Audience figures for the three presidential debetes

broke all records, and activally

increased as the series pro-gressed to an estimated 91

confrontation. That was as many as voted in 1988. Even

the vice-presidential debate

last week attracted more than

jumped across America, with

records broken in several

states. Hundreds of thousands

registered last spring in order to sign Ross Perot's ballot

petitions. The cult rock station

MTV has been exhorting

America's youth to vote. Since

1988, 20 states have made it

possible to register while get-

Voter registration has

80 million.

Opinion polls are dire, but Republicans are dreaming of a Truman-style surprise victory



ing the election around and of catching the Arkansas governor in the final stretch of the campaign, his aides, dearly pleased with Mr Bush's buoyant spirits, pointed to this year's UK election upset as the example they hoped to copy. Citing the final days of John Major's campaign, Fred Malek, a Bush campaign manager, said: "We've seen it

happen."
While acknowledging that the president is in trouble across the country, Mary

ting a driver's licence. "I am

seeing a level of engagement

that exceeds anything I've seen since the early 1970s, when I started in this line of

work," said Phil Angelides,

Democratic Party chairman

manifestos, hardly scintillat-

ing reads, are featuring in the

bestseller lists, and a CNN-

The Clinton-Gore and Perot

in California.

Voters rediscover

taste for politics

By MARTIN FLETCHER

Matalin, the Bush campaign political director, claimed the data shows this thing is coming down to taxes and trust. The people are not down to the choice stage yet."

The depth of the problems facing Mr Bush are more than illustrated by the president's whistle-stop itinerary. At this late stage in the election, the president should not need to campaign in Georgia and the Carolinas — the Republicans should have sewn them up weeks ago. Next week the Bush-Quayle campaign plane trips to the once rock-solid Republican states of Florida, Connecticut and Maine.

The Bush camp's sudden surge of optimism was not matched yesterday by Repub-lican congressmen and the Grand Old Party's pollsters, who are privately urging the president to concentrate his efforts on states where the party still has a chance to defeat Democrat congressional incumbents.

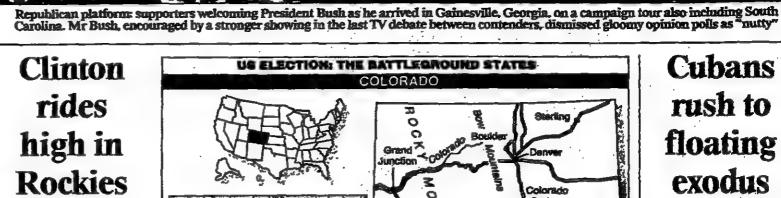
Republican strategists believe they can make gains in the House of Representatives as a result of the country's antiincumbency mood, but they argue that to do so Mr Bush must help to narrow the 10-15 per cent margin in the polls separating him from Mr Clinmn. They are also asking why the Bush campaign has failed to seek help from Ronald Reagan.

"I would have gotten Ronald Reagan involved and used him throughout the South and in the Rocky Mountain states and the West," said a Republican consultant. "When this is over, the question everyone will be asking is why didn't Bush use Reagan in the way Richard Nixon used Eisenhower in 1960

against Kennedy?" While the Republicans continued their search for the elusive momentum to carry them within striking distance of Mr Clinton, the governor's advisers were finding it hard to wipe the smiles of victory from their faces.

The Arkansas governor was campaigning in Colorado and USA Today poll showed a record 80 per cent of voters were giving the election "a lot of thought". The equivalent Wyoming, states that have almost never seen a Democrat figure at this point in 1988 presidential candidate in the Clinton camp, whispering the word "landslide", are eager to Experts ascribe this reinvigoration to Mr Perot's demands that Americans seize expand deep into GOP territoback control of their country. ry and attempt to maximise their victory and claim, if they the fact the Democrats have a strong candidate at last, and to win, a strong mandate for the economic slump. change.

Uncertainties in the election In Texas last week a 74year-old patient with a severe still remain, mainly in the heart condition refused to go to Houston for treatment until shape of Ross Perot. Republican strategists hope that Perotinclined voters will decide he was able to cast an early vote. "Keep me alive until I their vote is a wasted one and can cast my vote," George Dodd told his wife. "I am not desert the Texas businessman in the last few days of the going to die until I vote



FROM MAIRTIN FLETCHER

COLORADANS enthused by Bill Clinton's visit yesterday did not have to wait until November 3 to register their support. The polls opened on October 5 in the Rocky Mountains state, Colorado being one of only two states permitting "early voting". It is that sort of place - independent and non-conformist.

A third of its voters call themselves independents. Like the 19th-century gold prospec-tors who preceded them, four-fifths of Colorado's adults were born elsewhere, auracred here by fresh air, mountains and

the promise of a better life. This pioneering spirit persists not just in the mountains, but also in the north-south industrial parks and universities, where more than 80 per cent of Colorado's 3.3 million population live. These people do not like Washington. They certainly do not like President Bush, the epitome of the East Coast establishment

The economy alone cannot explain why the president lags 19 points behind Mr Clinton in a state that has been staunchly Republican since 1964. After five bleak years caused by the oil price slump, Colorado is enjoying a mini revival. Unemployment is down, property prices are up.

Colorado's voters signed up en masse for Ross Perot in the spring. When he dropped out in July, they had no wish to revert to Mr Bush but were scarcely enthused by Mr Clinton. However, he has turned around his fortunes dramatically. He astutely positioned

THE American presidential

debates are over and the

election is less than two

weeks away. Instant snap

shot polls and panel recalls showed that, although Presi-

dent Bush did somewhat better, he came third again.

The debates were held at the

same time as the baseball

World Series and in baseball,

three strikes and you are out

Mr Bush did not score a hit,

Bill Clinton did not have to,

and Ross Perot was not really in the game.

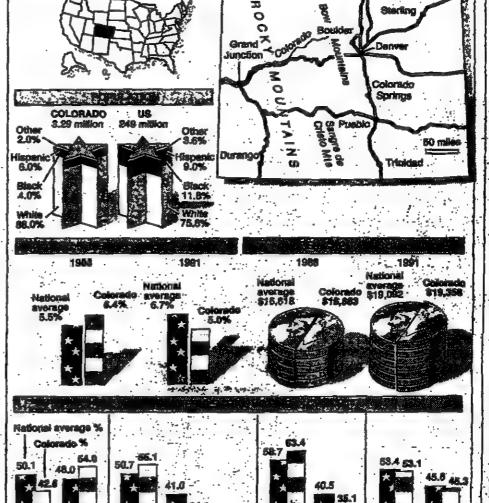
The importance of the

debates was the possibility that Mr Clinton would blow

it. It was not enough for the president to do well; he had

to hit a home run and he

failed. But who won the debate is not really impor-



US ELECTION: THE BATTLEGROUND STATES

change. His running mate, Al Gore, a fervent environmentalist, is a vote-winner. Fred Duval, the Clinton campaign chief in Colorado, reckons the environment is "the key cut-ting issue" for about a fifth of the state's voters. By late August, Mr Clinton

was not only leading, but rais-

The most interesting fig.

the ABC poll last week which,

with two end a half weeks to

go, showed a quarter of supporters of both Mr Bush

and Mr Clinton saying they

might change their minds before election day. That fact will not have been lost on the

here than in any other state save his own Arkansas. At a recent Denver rally, he attracted 30,000 people, the higgest turnout for a political event since Harry Truman visited in

Outplayed president misses home run

By Robert Worcester

By contrast, Mr Bush merely drew attention to his own

candidates pollsters and spin doctors. But the really bad news for Mr Bush is in

the state by state results that

foretell a landslide in the

making for Mr Clinton. In

the US first-past-the-post sys-

by at least 270 of the 538

ing more money per capita

weakness on a recent visit. He compared himself to John Elway, the Denver Broncos' quarterback whose long throws win games when all seems lest. It was a nice comparison, except that it is now the dying minutes of the game and the opposition has

cast their votes according to

which candidate won the

popular vote in their state.

Last Sunday, an analysis by The New York Times of state-

by-state results estimated

that Mr Clinton was ahead in

23 states and the District of Columbia, which together comprised 318 electoral

votes, plenty to assure a Chinton victory if nothing

happens by November 3.

Even in such normally rock-solid Republican strongholds as Arizona, Mr

Clinton has an eight-point

lead, in New Hampshire,

America's third-most Repub-lican state, he leads by six

points, and he has wide leads

in such key states as Califor-

nia (+14 per cent), Illinois (+20 per cent), Ohio (+20 per cent) and New Jersey (+19

per cent). In Dan Quayle's

home state of Indiana, one pollster has the contenders

level-pegging,
First-past-the-post voting
means that the state-by-state

results are what counts, and in the US there are many

state polls indicating public

Robert M. Worcester is

chairman of MORI and visit-

ing professor of government at the LSE. His analyses are

compiled with the assistance

of American Enterprise

Cubans rush to floating exodus

in all

PROM DAVID ADAMS

Daddling small bone, rains L and inner subes, more than 1,000 Cristins have fied President Castro's Communist rule illegally in the past two menths by crossing the treach-esous Florida straits. Others have defected on overseas trips

by giving Caban state security
"minders" the site.
The sharp rise in the rate of
the endors is said to reflect the
collapse of living conditions on
the island. Some also believe
that the flood of people is a
sign of a breakdown within sign of a breakdown within the country's tightly run

In recent weeks; there has been an expaordinary number of defections. Last week alone there were defections in including three leading base-ball players, two public health officials, the technical director of state television, and Cuba's world famous ballet dancer, Jorge Esquivel, former partner of Alicia Alonso, the prima

Coast Guard has picked up 2,754 Cuban "ratiers". The coast guard is beiped by a small group of exiled Cuban pilots called Brothers to the Rescue, who fly search-and-Straits of Florida.

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Tosé Basulto, the chief pilot and a CIA-trained veteran of the Bay of Pigs, says that the Cuban military has increased coastal surveillance. "Before. they did not seem to care who left. Now they have as many as four gunboats patrolling the area," he said.

On Saturday, a gunboat ntercepted one raft carrying 12 people in international waters about 60 miles from the Florida Keys. Mr Basulto videoed the incident from his aircraft as Cuban soldiers armed with rifles escorted the rafters on to the gunboat.

The Cuban government denies that the country is in political crisis. There is not a more stable society in the hemisphere than ours." read one official statement last week. However, there are signs of tension between Cuban Communists who favour moderate reforms and oldguard hardliners. Last month, Carlos Aldana, the party's chief of ideology and foreign relations, was fired in what many believe is part of a purge of reformers within the system. On Monday, the leadership suspended petrol rations for private car owners for Decem-

ber, saying that it did not have enough foreign exchange to buy more fuel. Since the collapse of its trade relations with the former Soviet bloc. Cuba has been faced with increasing shortages in many

Foreign observers are shocked by what they see There are much higher levels of worry in the middle and apper levels of the Communist party than I saw previously," said Gillian Gunn, a Cuba expert at Georgetown University in Washington who visited Havana last month.

Many people anribute their worries to a feeling that the hardline element has firmly got the upper hand and that it may be a little while before it is clear that the hard line does not have the solution to Cuba's problems," she said.

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the debates have on voting intentions. After each debate, polling organisations phoned the same people so that "mini-panels" of likely voters were available for instant analysis.

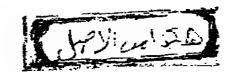
The effect of the past two weeks' campaigning is that Mr Perot is up sharply. Mr Bush is down considerably, and Mr Clinton is about the same. The figures shown are after reallocating the approx-imately 8 per cent of "don't

knows" in proportion to the

voting intentions of those

ing a preference.

US PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION PEROT



China attacks Patten for 'tricks' over **Hong Kong**

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

day night was not a snub, yet

possibly it was the first of several. A report in the over-

seas edition of the People's

Daily, the Chinese Commu-

nist party newspaper, accused Mr Patten of "playing political tricks and putting on a show".

that Mr Patten, whose efforts

to introduce Hong Kong to

greater democracy before its handover to Peking in 1997

had angered the Chinese gov-

ernment, would not meet Li

Peng, the prime minister. Mr

Li normally received Mr Pat-

ten's less politically abrasive

predecessors. Instead, he will

see Qian Qichen, the foreign

minister - not that that would

be considered a minus in

anything but diplomatic terms because Mr Li, last survivor in

the leadership of those directly

concerned with the bloody suppression of pro-democracy

demonstrations in June 1989, is hated by many Chinese.

Mr Patten, a confidant of John Major, said that he had

Sources indicated last night

CHRIS Patten, the governor arrival at the airport on Tuesof Hong Kong, spent six hours yesterday in tough talks with Chinese leaders over the future of the territory and agreed there was no meeting of minds. Mr Patten, whose name the Peking press has chivalrously translated as Peng Ting Kang, "Ensuring Prosperity", described the talks at a lakeside guest house as "very serious, very thought-ful and conducted — however vigorously - in a civilised manner

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However, it was clear that there was no progress on moving Hong Kong towards greater democracy. The governor tried to convince corre-spondents that the failure of Lu Ping, who heads China's Hong Kong and Macau affairs office, to meet him on

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Imprisoned dissident dies in Malawi

Harare: Prison authorities in Malawi have confirmed that Orton Chirwa, 73, imprisoned for life ten years ago in solitary confinement for allegedly plotting to overthrow President Banda, died on Tuesday, lawyers said yester-day (Jan Raath writes).

Mr Chirwa, Malawi's first minister of justice and attor-ney-general in 1964, and his wife. Vera, were kidnapped from Zambia by Malawi special branch officers in 1981.

Family killed

Cairo: A mother and her four children died in Cairo when a six-storey block of flats, weakened by last week's earthquake, collapsed on their two-storey house. (Reuter)

Rebel haul

Lima: President Fujimori of Peru said that, with the arrest of Marta Huaray on Saturday, 90 per cent of the Shining Path guerrilla group leadership had been captured, leaving three still free. (Reuter)

Iraq blast

Baghdad: Explosions at an ammunition dump here killed three people and injured 27 this week, a newspaper owned by President Saddam Hussein's son reported. (Reuter)

Off-beat dress

Wellington: John Banks, the New Zealand police minister. said that "misfits", such as bisexuals and transvestites, were not wanted in the force. He said the last thing the nation needed was policemen on the beat "wearing lipstick and pantyhose". (AFP)



Governor's gloom: Chris Patten telling reporters in Peking yesterday that there had been no meeting of minds in his talks with the Chinese leadership

Indian MPs bar the way to de Klerk's immunity bill

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

THE bill to grant indemnity for crimes committed with a political motive was defeated n the House of Delegates in Cape Town vesterday, a severe setback for the government of President de Klerk. After the defeat the cabinet went into immediate session to decide how and whether the bill may

be saivaged. Mr de Klerk's ruling National Party does not have a majority in the house, which is where the Indian population of the country is represented under the apartheid tricameral parliamentary system. In the other two houses, the House of Assembly where whites only sit and the House of Representatives where Coloured MPs sit, the National Party has a majority and the bill was approved comfortably.

The constitutional mechanism established for when the houses disagree is for the question to be referred to the presidential council where the government has a built-in majority. Mr de Klerk has not made use of that device since he became president and is known to be reluctant to do so. However, the pressures on him to ensure indemnity for officials and members of the

security forces who may have committed crimes in the defence of apartheid is clearly

The African National Congress consistently has opposed the granting of any kind of amnesty to the defenders of apartheid, saying that criminals should not be allowed to pardon themselves. The movement has said that there is no intention to hold "Nuremberg trials", but that the granting of pardon must be accompanied by disclosure of the facts and can be done only by a succes-

sor government. The ANC said of the bill. "It would be tantamount to the government pardoning its own apartheid crimes." Dave Dalling, a white member of the ANC who sits as an Independent, said: "The main motive of this measure is to indemnify state-sponsored criminals."

The opposition appealed to the government not to force the bill through, with Zach de Beer, leader of the opposition and of the Democratic Party, urging it "at this eleventh hour" not to go ahead because the indemnities would be granted by a tribunal meeting in secret. "The cleansing must

Tony Leon, spokesman for the liberal Democratic Party, said that the bill "massively widens the net of assassins, bombers. terrorists, necklace murderers. state killers and others in this rogues' gallery of South Africa's terror who will now qualify to wall, away from their deeds unnamed, undisclosed and unpunished".

In the Indian house, Farouk Cassim, of the Solidarity Party, said that his party had done much soul-searching about the bill. They understood the nced for reconciliation, but felt the bill in its present form endangered reconciliation. He asked that the bill should be withdrawn for amendment and presented later. Kobie Coeisee, the justice minister, had spent much time the previous evening trying to persuade the Solidarity MPs to change their minds.

Independent MPs aligned with the ANC said that the ANC would repeal the measure when it came to power. They said that the bill was being bullied through parliament and that the president already had sufficient powers to do anything mentioned in



Emperor courts Chinese market

there aren't any.

Hong Kong.

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

E mperor Akihito has been officially invited to visit China nine times since the Tiananmen Square massacre of 1989. and nine times the Japanese government has remained noncommittal. But when another strongly worded invitation was de livered in April, Tokyo finally decided that, besides America, China is the only other country to which Japan can never say "no".

Tomorrow, Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko begin their six-day visit to Peking, Shanghai and the ancient capital of Xian. The symbolism of the visit is powerful No Japanese monarch has ever before paid a visit to China.

The official excuse for I the historic "no politics" visit is that 1992 marks the 20th anniversary of the resumption of bilateral relations. Unofficially, according to one of the team of 40 Japanese foreign ministry officials working on the tour. "Ja-pan has had very bitter relations with China for the past 100 years. We want to put an end to the dark chapters and look to the future, to stability between two of the most powerful nations in Asia."

China is still seen as a vast future market for Japanese goods and services, "the grand bargain" as one businessman put it. The imperial visit should not be interpreted only as a gesture of obeisance. Powerful self-interest is also at play.

Tapan's businessmen, so often at the vanguard of foreign policy, have been quietly and consistently investing in wholly owned companies or joint ventures, producing anything from suits to computer software. Bilateral trade reached \$22.8 billion last

Regional security too has risen in priority after the partial withdrawal of US troops from Asia. Japan and other Asian nations are being forced to confront their lack of an integrated security structure, of any kind of forum designed to deal with conflicts or to overcome or even manage the anxiety and suspicion left over from old ones.

Tokyo's sanctioning of the first imperial visit to China reflects an awareness of the need to maintain at least cordial relations with what some Japanese now see as the superpower of the next

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FROM ANNE MCELV

THE Russian parliament yesterday rejected President Yeltsin's request for a post-ponement of the country's highest decision-making body. the Congress of People's Deputies, paving the way for a confrontation between hard-liners and the government over the fate of reforms.

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The congress, which takes place at the beginning of December, has the power to dismiss the government, or at least force Mr Yeltsin to sacrifice some of his key reformers. The government suffered a heavy defeat on the motion to delay the gathering.

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Most of the deputies to the
1,000-member congress,
which elects the parliament,
are former Communist Party
members opposed to the IMFbacked reform programme of
President Yeltsin and Yegor
Gaidar, his prime minister. It
is unlikely that they will move
to unseat Mr Yeltsin, who still
enjoys popular support despite
dissatisfaction with his policies, but they may attempt to
oust Mr Gaidar and pressure
the government to back away
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Russia's president is under such pressure that he may have to modify reforms and embrace a command economy again

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Mr Yeitsin's supporters see the country creeping back on to the path of a command economy if this happens. Sergei Kovalyov, a liberal deputy, described yesterday's anti-government vote as "a serious attempt to force the government's resignation, which now appears almost inevitable".

Additional embarrassment is supplied by the fact that three of Mr Yeltsin's senior ministers and allies had attempted to encourage a post-ponement of the congress at the weekend by accusing conservatives in parliament under the leadership of Rhuslan Khasbulatov, the chairman, of plotting a so-called "constitutional coup" against Mr Yeltsin by subverting his reforms to the point where they would no longer be effective.

They had hoped that the congress could be delayed until spring, giving the gov-

ernment the chance to survive winter without a major challenge. Mr Yelsin had also hoped that, by postponing it, there would be time to prepare a post-Soviet constitution which would abolish the

congress.

The disagreeable atmosphere in the Russian parliament has been heightened by a shoot-out between police and the White House guards on Tuesday night in which a guard died. The 5,000-strong guard appears to be transforming itself into the private and ill-disciplined army of Mr Khasbulatov. It has removed itself from the auspices of the interior ministry while still wearing police uniforms.

The communist newspaper, Pravda, added its voice to the chorus of disapproval damning Mr Yeltsin yesterday. It published a letter from deputies saying: "You are incapable of steering Russia out of crisis. You are steering her into a blind alley."

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Point of death: Hartmut Otto, head of the Bonn murder squad, indicating where Gert Bastian shot himself after killing Petra Kelly, his companion and founder of the Greens. Six months ago, Kelly had told a newspaper that she was depressed

Russians ordered to shoot in Tajikistan

FROM CHERIF CORDAHI IN DUSHANBE, TAIKISTAN

RUSSIAN troops in the Central Asian state of Tajikistan, caught in the middle of intercian fighting, have been ordered to shoot without warning if threatened, Tass reported vesterday.

reported yesterday.

The troops are caught in a simmering civil war in the south of Tajikistan and the government in the capital, Dushanbe, has accused the Russian army of aiding anti-government forces who have recently enjoyed significant military successes.

Anti-government troops from the cotton-growing river basin of Kuliab have trapped pro-government forces in the neighbouring basin of Kurgan Tyube, the scene of heavy fighting over the past four months. Refugees streaming north through the hills towards the tree-lined capital say that the Kuliabis are advancing towards Dushanbe, 35 miles away.

Kuliabi successes have

Kuliabl successes have prompted several anti-Russian demonstrations in the capital. One outside the main Russian army garrison in Dushanbe led to attempts by pro-government gunnen last week to take Russian school-

children hostage.

The abductions, attempted as part of the demonstrators' demands for the 4,300-strong Russian army contingent to leave, spread panic through the city's ethnic Russian population. More than 100,000 Russians have left the former Soviet republic since 1991, leaving 400,000 of their compatriots in this largely Persianspeaking nation on Afghanistan's northern border. Thousands more want to leave

but have nowhere to go.
"There are no jobs in Russia,"
says Alexander Gavrilov, a 24year-old student in Dushanbe.
The new coalition government of democratic and Islamic parties, which overthrew
the government of President
Nahivey last month, does not

the government of President Nahiyev last month, does not want Russian civilians to leave as they form the country's economic backbone. But senior government officials were adamant that the Russian military, which says it is here mainly to protect the Russian population, must withdraw. "Either everything goes or the troops go and leave their weapons, which we then buy," said Shodmon Yussef, head of

the Democratic party.

Officials accuse the Russian army of supplying the Kuliabis with heavy tanks and other equipment. Over the past month, at least four Russian tanks have fallen into Kuliabi hands, most of which have reportedly since been returned or destroyed by the Russians.

Moscow mogul chips in for Major

BY ANNE MCEAVOY

K onstamin Borovor's office looks the way any Russian would imagine a millionaire business mogul's lair to look. The man they dub "the Donald Trump of Russia" luffs larger than life behind a super designer desk.

vast designer desk.

Everything in the office is huge and plentiful donens of secretaries click around in Western high heels and Mr Borovoy, while conducting an interview, is signing documents and holding two telephone calls on the intercom. He is also keeping a watchful eye on four huge television screens tuned to flick between local channels, European and American cable television, in the hope, one suspects, of catching a glumpse of himself. His ashtray is the size of a small vat.

Mr Borovoy became Russia's first official dollar millionaire during the perestroika years, selling his first computer program while working as a mathematics lecturer in 1987 and going on to found Moscow's first joint-stock exchange and a further 20 companies. He goes to bed at 3 am and rises at 7 am and keeps his staff in a state of permanent, fearful

activity.

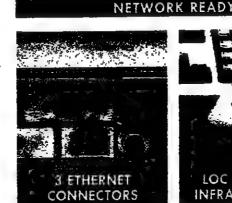
This month he has launched his own Party of Economic Freedom with Svyatosiav Fyodorov, the eye surgeon who became renowned and rich for his micro-surgery. The party, which he hopes will have strong links with Britain's Conservatives and America's Republicans, is to be the business party of post-communist Russia, and may well make inroads into President Yeltsin's reformist constituency.

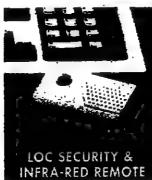
S tricken by John Major's plight and horrified at the risk of a Labour revival in Britain, he makes a note to give some cash to the Tory party. He adores Baroness Thatcher. "She shares my ideas."

His cynicism is breathtaking. On his wall hangs a photograph of his meeting with the Russian Orthodox patriach. He was received into the church during his rise to prominence, or as he puts it: "I was haptised for business."

for business."
For all his Western accourrements, there is
something endearingly
Russian in Mr Borovoy's
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Homecoming Tatars face Crimea backlash

FROM ROBERT SEELY IN SIMPEROPOL

THE Crimean peninsula, home to KGB pensioners, former Communist party dachas and the disputed Black. Sea fleet, is threatening to become the latest inter-ethnic battleground after sporadic clashes between police and Crimean Tatars.

Tatar leaders are claiming that the peninsula's supreme soviet has "declared war on them". Within the past fortnight, 30 Tatars have been arrested and dozens of policemen have been injured in fighting at illegal settlements in the peninsula and around Simferopol's supreme soviet.

Simferopol's supreme soviet.

The region's 200,000 Tatars, descendants of Russia's thirteenth-century rulers, were banished by Stalin during the second world war to Siberia and Central Asia. Up to half perished on the way. But many were encouraged by President Gorbachev's policy of perestroika to return, often at their own expense, to look for the houses they once possessed or for land on which to build. All they have found is hostility from the ethnic Russian regime and population. "We are like the American Indians, trespassers on our own land," said Yussof Kortalev, 26.

Amik Takov, 64, is one of an estimated 180,000 who has travelled from Central Asia to Crimea. With the help of his son, he is building a house on barren land near Stroganovka, a village near his hirthplace.

Stroganovka, a village near his birthplace.

Mr Takov, his wife Aleksandra, two daughters and son now live in a tiny wooden hut, raised on stills and wrapped in filmsy plastic sheeting to protect it from the winter winds. They are trying to build the basement before winter sets in and Mrs Takov

said that they wanted to finish it so that they could die on their own land.

Like tens of thousands of Crimeans who are building buts and homes near Simferopol, the Takovs have no permission to build and could be evicted. The authorities' policy of clearing many of the illegal settlements is sparking increasingly violent clashes with the Russian and Ukrainian-manned police and interior ministry troops.

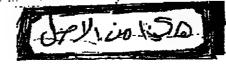
The Crimean leaders, who

include the most pro-Soviet of



any in the former union, resent the Tatars' return not only because it creates financial and political difficulties, but also because it reminds them that the days of the Soviet Union are over. "They resent our arrival because they are the inheritors of the system that expelled us," said Mustafa Gemilev, a Tatar who taught himself English during 15 years in prison camps in Siberia and Uzbekistan.

Crimea's leaders have branded the Tatars as hooligans, and bring troops and police on to the streets at the first sign of a demonstration. As long as the authorities prevent the Tatars from integrating and resettling peacefully, tension and violence are expected to worsen.



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Our problems are clear — but what of the solutions?

Mary Ann Sieghart and Anatole Kaletsky report

or the past six months the government and the economy of Britain have been in a state of drift. Since John Major's unexpected victory in the general election his administration has been paralysed by indecision and fear of the financial markets.

The Chancellor has declared repeatedly that "there is no alternative" to whatever the Treasury happened to be doing. or not doing. Ministers have sat in Whitehall, bearing down on inflation and praying for a recovery to happen when it will. Meanwhile, thousands of companies have gone bankrupt and hundreds of thousands of people have lost their jobs. On Tuesday night, the prime minister belatedly acknowledged the need for a

"A strategy for economic recovery is what we need: and a strategy for growth is what we are going to have," John Major declared on television. after a long lobby briefing in which senior government ministers promised further sharp cuts in interest rates. support for investment and a tough policy on public sector

The Times has argued throughout the past two years that there was an alternative to the economic destruction wrought first by the government's infamation with fixed exchange rates and, since Black Wednesday, by the Chancellor's fear of the currency markets and his cabinet colleagues. In fact, there is not just a single alternative, but a large number of policy options that could put Britain back on the road to recovery and sustained non-inflationary growth. Now that the government has accepted its responsibility to bring the economy out of recession, there are policies

from which it must choose. The route to recovery must be carefully thought out, but the crucial first steps must not be delayed any longer. The strong recovery but also secure the gains against inflation made in the past two years. Not all need to be taken; but several in each category would be required to boost consumer and business confidence without letting inflation off the leash. The government must come up with a balanced package and it must do so by the time the Chancellor delivers his autumn statement in

the middle of next month. Fortunately, Mr Major has now staked the remnants of his reoutation on the new "strategy for growth". If he succeeds, the nation will gradually forgive and forget his past policy errors. But if he and his Chancellor fall to deliver, then this week's Uturn will probably be the last Mr Major is allowed to make. The problems he faces — and the solutions he could apply are as follows:

CONFIDENCE

es have money to spend but are afraid to do so. Ordinary people fear unemployment. They also worry about the alling value of their houses. about paying off debt than spending money in the shops. The latest Mori poll shows a steep decline in economic confidence since the general elec-tion. Then, 43 per cent of people thought the economy would improve over the next year and only 22 per cent thought it would get worse. Now, 52 per cent are pessimistic and only 20 per cent

SOLUTIONS:

 Economic policy: The government must make explicit the commitment to promote economic recovery, and not simply to bear down on inflation. Controlling inflation is necessary, for both economic and social reasons. But low inflation is not sufficient to

on its own. • Lower interest rates: The Chancellor must cut interest rates dramatically. preferably by 2 per cent in one go. Once interest rates have fallen to 6 per cent, the government should announce that they will be cut no further. at least until there are further substantial reductions in underlying inflation and the rate of growth of earnings. The Chancellor must also make clear that he will be ready to raise rates if necessary, if there are signs of accelerating inflation or rising pay demands. The exchange rate can be many pointers to future inflationary pressures. But stabilising sterling must never again be the be all and end all of government policy. A sharp, once and for all cut in interest rates would send a clear signal to both consumers and companies that the time is ripe to buy a house, spend money in the shops or invest. Any impact on inflation could be offset by squeezing current public spending.

INFLATION

Inflation has fallen from 10.9 per cent to 3.6 per cent in the last two years, and will continue to fall sharply, if only as a result of lower mortgage rates. Past experience suggests that underlying inflation will also continue to fall for at least another two years, despite the devaluation of sterling and the government's more expansionary policies. Unemployment is now even higher than it was at the equivalent point in the 1979-81 recession and the devaluation of sterling has been less steep than it was ten years ago. More importantly, the union reforms and deregulation of the Thatcher era should have reduced made the British economy less inflationprone. Nevertheless, the govemment must remain vigilant against an upsurge in infla-tion after 1994 — and the

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now to promote recovery, the more cautious it must be about inflation in the years ahead.

SOLUTIONS:

• Tight fiscal policy: A sharp cut in interest rates and the prospect of economic recovery will give the government the chance to reduce its bloated budget deficit, at present over £30 billion, or 5 per cent of Gross Domestic Product. The government must renew its pletige to balance the budget over the course of an economic cycle and express a willingness

achieve this objective. In practice, higher taxes would not be necessary with better control of public spending and a return to an adequate long-run rate of growth. The Maastricht target that deficits should be reduced to 3 per cent of GDP is not good enough as a long run objective and is no longer relevant with sterling outside the ERML

• Freeze public sector wages: To underline its determination to curb inflation, as well as to save huge sums of public money, the government shoudl freeze public sector wages for one year. Public sector employees have done much better than private workers since 1988 and many private companies have also trozen wages. At this point in the economic cycle, a public sector pay freeze would not be perceived as unfair on the public sector and should not give rise to future catch-up pay

MATERIAL STREET

Consumers are burdened with debt, the housing market is paralysed and even profitable companies are under pressure from their banks to reduce their borrowings. Consumers react, as explained above, by saving instead of spending. Businesses cut costs by laying people off. The combined effect is suffocating the economy. Government needs to pump in the necessary oxygen.

SOLUTIONS:

 Abolish mortgage tax relief: To unfreeze the housing market, the government should announce that mortgage interest tax relief will be abolished for all new mortgages from November 1993. On existing mortgages, it will be phased out over five years. Mortgage-payers will be com-pensated, initially at least, by much lower interest rates. First-time buyers would rush to beat the deadline, providing the impetus the market badly needs. The government would also save roughly £5 billion a year by 1998, and at least £1bn in 1993 alone.

 Exempt rental income from tax: To promote rental housing, the Treasury must level the fiscal playing field between owner occupiers and private landlords. Phasing out mortgage tax relief will help in the long run, but new landlords should be allowed to enjoy tax relief on houses they buy before the cut-off date of November 1993. More im-

portantly, landlords' rental income should be exempted from tax, and their capital gains should also be tax-free. This would put landlords on a par with owner-occupiers who do not pay tax on the imputed rent from occupying their own

Make borrowing easier for

small business: The single most effective measure to help small business would be to force creditors to settle their debts more quickly. In the last budget, the Chancellor said he would take such action, but the government needs to go much further, introducing statutory interest payments, at a penal rate, on debts that remain unpaid after 90 days. In the longer-term, action to make borrowing easier for small businesses must be considered. With banks shellshocked by the recession and reluctant to lend, government programmes to guarantee small business loans may have to be considered. Such programmes exist in Germany. America and Japan. Alternatively, the Treasury could give tax relief at source on loans to. small businesses. This would allow new entrepreneurs and small businesses that were temporarily making losses to

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which is at present confined to

Many companies are going out of business because the recession has been so prolonged - 100,000 have failed since the recession began. Many of them were profitable before the recession and could have been profitable again. These closures have put hundreds of thousands of people on the dole, and their numbers have been increased by companies who need to shed a lot of labour to avoid bankruptcy. Many of the unemployed are highly skilled, sometimes prosional. When the economy turns up again, will there be enough productive capacity to meet the demand? The more companies go bust now, the worse will be the prospects for inflation and the balance of payments in the future: if people cannot buy British, they will have to buy imports

• Building for the future: The government should bring forward as many capital spend-ing projects as possible, from

new schools to the Channel Tunnel fast link and revamping and extending the London underground. Never will such projects be as cheap as now. when so many construction companies have empty order books. Moreover, many building workers are unemployed, costing the government £8,000 a year each in benefit and lost taxes. The extra cost of

hiring them to do something useful would be minimal. national accounts should be redrawn so that capital spending — in other differently from current spending. Publicly owned bodies, such as British Rail, should be allowed to borrow on their own behalf from private investors. This borrowing should not count as part of the public sector borrowing requirement.

• Maintenance, repairs and small capital projects: large infrastructure projects take years to get off the ground. The fastest way for the government to put spending into the economy — and simultaneously to save public money would be to accelerate maintanece and repair programmes in the health service. the schools and local authorities. Small capital purchases,

for example for car and bus fleets, and even for art and property purchases by English Heritage, should also be advanced. The way to achieve this would be for the Treasury to double the relevant public spending budgets in 1993/94 and claw the equivalent sums back in the following two fiscal

 Training and education: The training budget must not be cut with so many people unemployed. Some of those put out of work will have to be retrained, not least the miners.

The balance of payments is in the red, even in a prolonged recession. There is a serious danger that when the economy starts to grow again, Britain will simply suck in imports and the trade deficit will worsen. The balance of payments constraint has been the main reason for Britain's stop-go economic cycles since the second world war. The smaller our manufacturing base, the more of a problem it will become.

SOLUTIONS: · Accept the floating exchange rate: The lower level of

sterling will promote exports and discourage imports. The experience of the 1980s suggests that the gains in compet fiveness will not be eroded by inflation, provided the government does not allow a consumer boom to develop after 1994. Encourage spending on construction and investment: That means protecting capital spending at all costs in the public spending round but squeezing current spending such as public sector pay. Press for a deal on Gatt: Mr Major should press harder for a deal on the General Agreement on Tariffs and

goods.

Remove uncompetitive sub-sidies: Britain should press the EC harder to force members to remove uncompetitive subsi-dies on their industries.

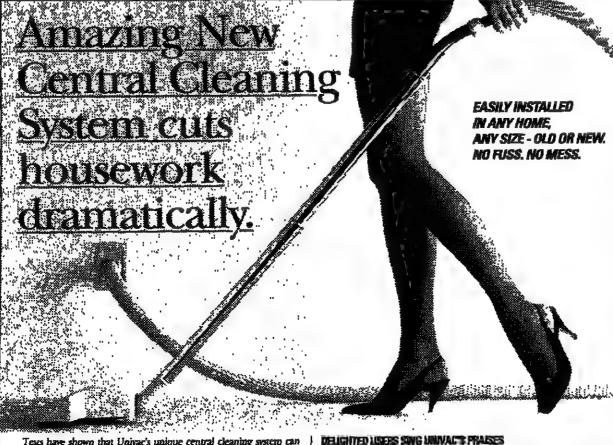
Trade, which will open up world markets for British

TREASURY

The Treasury has been wrong, wrong and wrong again in its forecasts of how the British economy will behave and in its prescriptions of what policy ministers should adopt. The Chancellor has been all too ready to believe the advice of his officials. The result has been a blinkered approach to policy-making.

SOLUTIONS:

• Purge top tier of Treasury officials: The Chancellor should be moved on and the economic forecasting replaced with an independent Council of Economic Advisers. Similar to the "five wise men" in Germany, these should be academically respected people representing a range of economic opinion and more than one school of economic thinking. Their views and forecasts should be regularly published. Make advice public. The Bank of England should be required to make its advice on economic and financial conditions public. If there are disagreements with the Treasury these should be publicly aired. ◆ Make decisions public Decisions on monetary policy should be justified publicly and in detail. Regular meetings of the council of economic advisers shoud be minuted and the minutes published, perhaps with a lag of one or two to discourage market spec-



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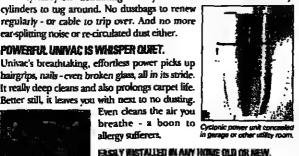
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But public-sector capital spending is vitally important and inevitably costs money. Here are some suggestions for raising it:

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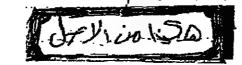
billion a year. The European Fighter Aircraft should be cancelled. Germany has already pulled out of the project. Italy is threatening to, and by the time the aircraft is finished there may be no

buyers for it anyway. True, jobs will be lost, but they are currently being maintained at huge expense to the taxpayer. Even if hundreds of millions were spent on retraining those put out of work, this would pale into insignificance when compared with the £20 billion cost of the project.

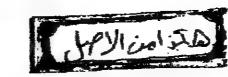
Child benefit could be frozen, and family

credit for the poorest families raised in line with average earnings. Similarly, pensions could be frozen, while support for poor pensioners through the existing income support programme should be increased in line with the growth of average earnings. The combined savings would be about £750 million.

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Clearing my mind over mater

Dr Anthony Storr, the psychoanalyst, has

done more than re-examine the

thoughts of Jung and Freud. He is also the psychic father of novelist Will Self

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y mother was a crochety old soul subject to depressions and all the furies that attend them. She was also a glutton for psychotherapy, and when I was a child Anthony Storr was a presence in our home of an unusual kind. A regular, crudite and witty reviewer in the Sunday papers, whenever his by-line ap-peared my mother would trot out the same old anecdote: "He treated me, you know. In fact he was treating me when I was pregnant with you." She would let this hang in the air for a moment — and then would come the killer: "Actually, he persuaded me not to have you

So it was he who had to answer for all the problems I had in life; how convenient that he was a 'I've seen a prominent psychoanayst and therapist! And interested in creativity as well, just the daddy damage for a neurotic wannabe

It was a nice idea, but I was almost certain the story was apocryphal. It was just too neat, and in keeping with my mother's tendency to under-

children's existence. But after she died I found a note from Dr Storr among her papers that at least confirmed he had been treating her. "I am delighted that William Woodard has arrived safely," he wrote from Harley Street. "What an enormous child!"

Approximately 31 years later the 'enormous child" turned up on Dr Storr's doorstep in north Oxford, and confronted him with his bizarre psychic paternity. Dr Storr was urbane and unflappable. "Oh yes," he said. "I do remember your mother, quite an unhappy woman: She was pregnant. She said it was unplanned and she didn't want the child, but I thought she would regret it: She seemed a very motherly person, and not that old,

only 40 or so." So it was true, although Dr Storr didn't seem at all fazed. But perhaps this happened to him every other week? It would clearly be churtish to make a big issue out of it.

Dr Storr is an entirely suitable psychic father for me. A commenta-tor on Freud and Jung, and the author of books on human aggression, solitude and creativity, he is the thinking person's shrink, the Hampstead shrink, the north Ox-ford shrink. More literary than technical; rational and melioristic He is in fact a kind of social democrat of the mind.

After a "curious, solitary childhood", and an unhappy time at Winchester, Dr Storr began to come out of his shell at medical school. He qualified in

1944 and went to the Mandsley hospital to train as a psychiatrist. I asked him what his impulsion towards psychoanalysis had been? I would concede that to a large extent it was a function of my own difficulties in forming relationships with people. Throughout my life I have had basically depressive tendencies.

mine the very ground of her. So it was a case of the physician healing himself? "Yes, I suppose so, but I'm fairly sanguine about what it's possible to achieve by psychotherapy. You can get a patient to reflect, largely by externalising his internal solilousy. In this manner, of people who I have helped very

considerably."

But if tolerance and sympathy are the requirements, do we need therapists? Couldn't they be supplied by friends? "No. The professional must learn to be moved and touched emotionally, yet at the same time stand back objectively. I've seen a lot of damage done by

Oedipus? Schmoedipus, as long as he loves his mother. Will Self (left) meets Dr Anthony Storr who, 31 years ago, was very possibly fundamental to the writer's very existence contemporary ethical thought, Dr Storr became impas-sioned. "I'm a squeamish person, I

find the idea of violence and cruelty almost unbearable." Had this been the impetus behind his work on human destructiveness? "Well, it was the Holocaust, really. The concentration camps have haunted me all my life. They set back my sense of optimism very considera-bly. I made myself read a lot about them, and then write, in order to seek some kind of understanding.

So was there such a thing as evil? "I think there are evil acts. I'm not with tolerant and sympathetic at-tention, I hope there are a number trying to attribute moral responsitrying to attribute moral responsi-bility is futile."

After the Mandsley, Dr Storr went on practice as an analyst for some 20 years. Although he trained as a Jungian, he has never been a practitioner of any narrow dogma-tism. In his biographical study of Jung, he puts the great man's interests in Eastern religions in an essentially metaphorical context; the mad/bad dichotomy which Dead,

"psychological foreword", were literal evidence of the universal unconscious archetypes to which we are all subject.

By the same token, Dr Storr's critique of Freud is two-pronged. He is sceptical about the Freudian preoccupation with "mature" or "full" genitality, the idea that the benchmark of sanity and authenticity is reached only by a successful, heterosexual relationship. Dr Storr has also taken Frend to task over his equation between creativity and fantasy", by which he meant that artistic creation was essentially an "immature" and escapist activity.
In contrast to Freud, Dr Storr

himself has always maintained a lively interest in human creativity; and Music and the Mind, his latest book, focuses on musical creation. In it, Dr Storr examines the arguments for the origins of music: questions why it is that we perceive different kinds of music as expressing particular emotions; and engages in a lengthy debate on the metaphysical significance of the musical realm. It is an erudite and intelligent work but, that being

said, it exhibits a lot of the characteristics of Dr Storr's other works and, one might add, his clinical philosophy. Dr Stort is the melionist par excellence he seeks ideas that will help individuals to cope with life, rather than theories that will inspire.

"It's true," he said. "I do think the human condition is inherently unsatisfactory in many ways." This is all well and good, but the conclusion that Dr Storr reaches is that music is a "good thing", because it enhances his life. And when he speaks of music he is referring to quite a narrow, mostly classical repertoire. To me, this is a weakness of the book. It seems almost contentious to write off entirely the significance of the 4/4 beat and the 13-bar ballad form

which, as popular music, have come to infest the air we breathe. Another criticism would be that Dr Storr relies too heavily on lengthy extracts from other writers. some of which have been prominent in his other works. In particular, certain quotes from Freud, and various biographies, have been

iterated in more than one other work. But Dr Storr is unrepentant. This tendency points, I would suggest, to the real canonical character of his work. He is a quintessentially English figure; pa-trician, gentle and humane. If his books lack spark and contention, by the same token they avoid stridency

rguably it is the influence of thinkers such as Dr Storr that has prevented our mental health establishment from being subject to the appalling doctrinal excesses that we can witness to this day in the United States. Dr Storr is like an Anglican analyst, if such a thing is possible, his vacillations and doubting are infuriating, but signify a genuine integrity. After all, nothing is truer than that the polymorphous perversities of human nature are not amenable to simple analyses.

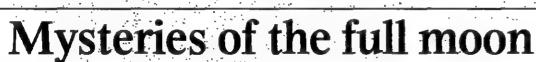
A few days after seeing Dr Storr, I wrote him a puzzled letter. In it I termed him my "psychic Polybus". referring to Oedipus's father, whom he accidentally killed on the

road to Thebes. I wrote that I had been surprised by his muted reaction to my appearance on his doorstep. "It had been", he replied, "a unique occurrence, and one to which I didn't quite know how to

"If I am Polybus, I must express the hope that you, as Oedipus, avoid the latter's fate. I don't even know whether or not you are pleased that I persuaded your mother not to abort you. For all I know you may agree with Sopho-cies: Not to be born is, past all

But of course, within the Oedipus analogy, there is another awful fate: that of Polybus, killed by his son. My "real" father is not unlike Dr Storr: patrician, genfle, humane.
For much of my life I have, naturally enough, felt like killing him. What an irony to discover that my psychic father possesses exactly the same admirable — if infuriating - characteristics.

 Music and the Mind is published by HarperCollins on November 2. Will Scifs ::novellas Cock and Bull are ished by Bloomsbury.



CHRISTOPHER Gore's plea that he was suffering from a severe mental disorder when he axed his parents was accepted

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and he is now a patient in Broadmoor.

The headline writers have seized on the tendency for Mr Gore's violence to increase at the time of the full moon. This characteristic of some psychiatric patients has been the trade of thriller writers for centuries but, until a few years ago. nobody was quite certain if it actually happened. Statistics do show that the admission rate to mental hospitals bears a relationship to the phases of the moon. It is not so marked that the public should expect to meet a mad knifernan on their way home on a moonlit night, but it does perhaps mean that a psychiatric unit might expect an extra case or two at the

time of the full moon.

More important is the study of the symptoms which Mr Gore showed from an early age, and the lessons which can be learnt from this disaster which could help other families. Mr Gore is described by his counsel and the judge as having a



MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

psychopathic personality, but by the prosecution as having a schizoid

personality. Parents have the difficult task of distinguishing between acceptable, but regrettable, adolescent behaviour and the first signs of a schizoid personality. There were plenty of warning symptoms in Mr Gore's case. As a boy he was the classic shy loner, and was, as are seemingly many people with schizophrenic tendencies, exceptionally clever. He took no part in group activities and was interested more in speculation than action, the abstract rather than the concrete. Even as a child

he used his ability to write poetry to fantasise about killing his parents. As he grew older, he retreated more

into isolation, he attempted suicide and had inexplicable rages. His personal appearance was exceptionally weird, his hours anti-social, he dropped out of university, at which he had already won a first class honours degree and became a self-employed juggler. His behaviour both before and after his arrest was, as doctors describe it, socially inappropriate. After he killed his parents he had a drinks party with champagne he had taken from their house.

If the characteristics of a schizoid personality - found in about 40 per cent of schizophrenic patients before they suffer ultimate breakdown — can be spotted before a breakdown occurs, adolescents can be channelled into jobs and a lifestyle without strain, one where above all there is no pressure to perform. Most, but not all, doctors also think that early treatment with the appropriate drugs reduces the chance of disaster.

Cancer and the family

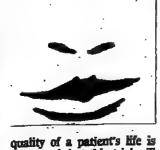
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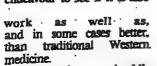
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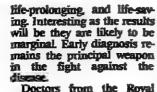


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who developed cancer of the tal, south London, quotes the case of a woman who used a herbal remedy and went on to

develop liver damage. On the first occasion she recovered, but later took another course which again gave her hepatitis and this time she went into liver failure and died.

General Practitioner magazine reports that two children involved in a trial of Chinese herbal therapy for eczenna at Great Ormond Street, in London, also developed abnormal liver functions. The National Eczema Soci-

ety has now recommended that people who have obtained Chinese herbal therapy for eczema from any of the 100 clinics offering it in this country should have routine haematological and biochemical profiles carried out monthly for the first three months, much dinical importance unand thereafter at six-monthly

breast under the age of 40 have, it would seem, a sevenfold increased risk of developing the disease themselves. It is not only female relatives who are at risk; Pulse magazine has twice in the past three months carried reports which show a clear link between cancer of the breast and cancer of the prostate in related men.

Fathers, sons and brothers of women with cancer of the breast have a considerably increased chance of developing cancer of the prostate.

Cholesterol in context

CONSERVATIVE politicians have had little to cheer themduring the past week, and the Family Heart Association has not helped. The association screened the cholesterol levels of people from a wide variety of trades and professions and has published the results in the journal Occupational Health; of all the people tested Conservative MPs are least likely to have a cholesterol level accept-

able to the dicticians. However, they should take heart that The Times has supported the view that a raised cholesterol is only one of the risk factors which increase the likelihood of heart disease and that it is of not Jess it is associated with other risk factors, such as smoking.

MUM SAYS SHE LIKES GLASS BECAUSE IT'S RECYCLABLE.

JUST LIKE THE SOUND IT IN THE BOTTLE BANK.



of cil (enough to run your central heating for about 20,000 years). And each time if goes through the recycling process.

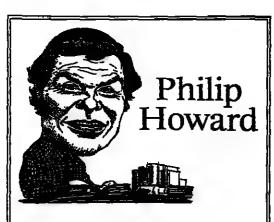
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tor longer than other packaging malenals

And for once, saving the environment doesn't cost or. Glass is still one of the cheapest packaging

So please keep on using the bottle bank,

But for your children and your children's children, the recycling measage is amongst the



The miners are the latest beneficiaries of the British love of the underdog

et's hear it for scapegoats. For once, this has been a good week for the put-upon brutes. The miners have been metamorphosed from the dangerous, token public enemies of the Orgreave coking plant a few years ago. This was always a hircine oversimplification. And even Arthur Scargill has been partly rehabilitated from a bullying bullfrog by the assassination of King Coal, and turned, if not quite into a fairy prince, at any rate into something approaching Homo sapiens. It is in no small measure wonderful, and considerably remarkable how John Major's government has achieved this transformation of scapegoats into popular heroes in a week.

Your scapegoat is an indigenous English beast. Ideally it should be an object of popular derision and loathing, but not dangerous enough to butt back. The long history of bullying at British boarding schools was based upon hunting the scapegoal. At the Tory conference we saw the ritual parade of two aged and toothless scapegoats, the National Union of revolting Students, and the national perambulation of New Age Travellers around the reactionary and NIMBYer parts of the country. There was also the flogging by Lord Tebbit, the high priest of scapegoatery, and his thuggish altar boys, of the dead horse that all foreigners are fiends. Scapegoats and dead horse served their traditional function of distracting attention from more dangerous sins of the government closer to home. The students I meet seem dever and alarmingly conformist young keenos desperate to get on; and the New Age travellers seem endearing and shaggy green idealists, rather than dangerous beasts that defend themselves when attacked. But the point about scapegoats is that they should be innocent of the iniquities they are lumbered with.

ermans generally, and the Bundesbank in particular, have done their bit of scapegoating for England this month, though the Queen is at present over in Germany reassuring her Hanoverian ancestors that we are all good European scapegoats under the skin. You can see the essence of scapegoat caught in paint in Holman Hunt's enigmatic masterpiece in the Lady Lever art gallery at Port Sunlight. He is a shaggy, sheepish creature, heading for the sticks with a wild glare in his eye, and he illustrates the ambivalent English attitude towards scapegoats. We blame them unfairly for our sins, but we also have a soft spot for underdogs, or in their case,

The notion of scapegoat was introduced to the world long before the English picked it up, and at a time when our rude forefathers and German cousins were illiterate savages living in the swamps of Rhine and Thames. The official recipe for making a scapegoat is given in the Mosaic law at Leviticus xvi. First catch two goats, and take them to the altar of the tabernacle. Then cast lots, one for the goat of the Lord, and the other for the scapegoat, which is called Azazel. Milton used this majestic name for the rebel angel selected to carry the mighty standard of Satan in Paradise Lost. In Mohammedan demonology, the scapegoat became the devil himself, cast out of Paradise for refusing to worship Adam. His name was changed from Azazel to Eblis, which means

Back in the Pentateuch, the priest biffs the Lord's goat as a sin-offering, and sprinkles its blood in the prescribed places, which need not detain us. He then takes the scapegoat, lays both his hands on its head, and confesses to it all the iniquities of the Israelites and all their acts of rebellion. The priest projects all the government's and the public's sins onto the head of the goat. and sends it into the wilderness in charge of a man who is waiting ready. The goat carries all their iniquities away with it into the desert, and the man shall let it go, there in the wilderness, presumably for a life that will be nasty, brutish and short. Though you can never tell with goats, which are resourceful creatures.

ut scapegoats were on the scene even before the procedure for scapegoating was codified by Moses. Eve is a good candidate for the first scapegoat on human record, followed almost immediately by the Serpent. It is gratifying that his sneaky scapegoating did Adam not a blind bit of good. He was booted out of the Garden of Eden and heavily cursed, along with his scapegoat, Eve. and her whipping-boy, the Serpent. And quite right too, if you think their fruit-stealing offence was worth cursing and banishment.

Since that Fall of Man, scapegoats have played an important, almost a heroic, role in life and literature, from Iphigeneia, butchered to change the weather forecast, to Mr Gorbachev today. Shylock is a classic scapegoat. He performs the dual function of suffering for the iniquities and extravagance of the yuppies of Venice, and also making at any rate the thoughtful members of the congregation sorry for him. There is hardly a British school story written, from Tom Brown to Daisy Pulls it Off, which does not turn upon the shame and subsequent triumph of a scapegoat.

The British Empire itself was built upon a worldwide congeries of scapegoats, whom the British occupied, educated, tried to convert, and exploited, theoretically for their own good. It lasted as long as it did because the British are secretly also on the side of the scapegoats they use. and really did believe they were doing their colonial subjects a favour. This unorthodox attitude to scapegoats explains much that was good in the British Empire, and a lot of interesting ambiguity in English literature. It is satisfying to the English sense of fair play when a scapegoat turns up trumps as a hero, as the miners have this week.

A torrent of mail helped change MPs' minds about the pits and Mrs Thatcher, writes Robert Rhodes James

Politics in the postbag ewly elected Conserva-tive MPs are becoming unnerved by the vol-ume of their mail and its did not seem to mind very sitting MP. The classic give-much. In December 1976 when I sitting MP. The classic give-away is the opening, "As a life-long Conservative, but no

hostility, for in the last month letters to Conservative MPs from discontented constituents have increased alarmingly. The economy, Maastricht, interest rates, the former Yugoslavia, the council tax, unemployment, the NHS, and old age pensions are but a few of their topics. The Commons post office was said to be awash with ten times the usual volume of post as constitu-

Some political historians might care to look into the matter of when this habit of voters writing to their MPs became a serious one. When I became a Clerk in the House of Commons in 1955, no back-benchers had offices, and very few had full-time secretaries: they wanted and needed neither. Most MPs could cope easily with their constituency mail in their own hand, and one told me that if he received six letters a week, he knew he was in trouble. But in those days, very few MPs lived in, or anywhere near, their constituencies, and visited them as seldom

ents wrote to oppose the pit

closures this week

longer..." which leads to a quick check on our canvass was first elected, having been out of the Commons for 12 years and out of the country for half that time, I had vaguely assumed things would not have returns, that almost invariable reveals an "against" notation. There are the clearly organised letter campaigns, usually so clumsily organised that the hun-dreds of letters are identical, even if handwritten. There are changed very much. A lady had volunteered to be my secretary, but I wondered whether I would have sufficient work for her to keep her occupied. Within a the special interests. There are the regulars who are often, sadly, disturbed mentally. In my very few days, my doubts had There is another oddity. For case, there were those undergraduates who had come to Cambridge to impart knowsome reason, Conservative MPs

receive far more letters than Labour ones. When I told one of my Labour friends that I received on average 300 letters a week from my Cambridge con-stituents (and on one terrible day, over a thousand), he was astounded. If he received that number in a month he would have been appalled. My theory, and it is only that,

is that part of the answer lies in

Labour voters in a Conservative-

held seat quite deliberately writ-

took three hours a day.

But I never regarded my large postbag as a burden. It was one way of judging the mood of my constituents on issues, as my constituency surgeries were almost entirely devoted to individual cases of hardship and as possible. Their constituents ing to vent their spleen on the difficulty. It also became quite change it.

whose letters were too often

alarmingly illiterate. But my

easy to differentiate between the sincere letter and the "cam-paign" ones, and the former often made a considerable impression on me.

I had supported the poll tax somewhat uneasily, but my doubts were turned into deep concern when the reality dawned upon my supporters and friends of what was actually involved. There was one case that particularly struck me. He was a young postman, with a wife, and two very young child-ren, earning £130 a week. The rates on his house were under £200 a year. Under the poll tax, ledge and not to receive it, and he and his wife would have to pay £1,090 a year. He refused to contemplate sending his wife out to work, quite rightly I thought. He had been a Conser-vative voter. How could I possirule was to answer every one individually, which sometimes bly defend such an appalling and unexpected burden upon him and his family? I could not, and did not. That letter, and that case, was decisive in my attitude to the tax. Although 1 could not defeat it, I could try to

It is interesting to ponder the question how ministers and government MPs could judge public opinion when constitu-ents wrote few letters, and most MPs kept aloof from their that they could not, and did not, with the result that the only barometer of opinion was a General Election, and these quite often produced wholly unexpected and nasty surprises - 1945 being the most notable

This does not mean that an MP should be constantly swayed by the letters he receives. There are many occasions when courteous letter of sincere disagreement is necessary, and an intemperate letter should never receive a reply in kind. But when there is a clear volume of anger and protest, the parliamentary representative would not be doing his job if he ignored it.

Harold Macmillan once remarked that the only qualification for being an MP was "the ability to write a good letter". It

was characteristically strend.
When one of my former colleagues took over from a notably
indolern predecessor and replied to constituents' letters, he
was startled by a headline in a
local newspaper, "MP Replies

To Letters".

On my calculation, in the 15 years 1 was an MP 1 received, and replied to, 249,000 letters from the people of Cambridge But it is the one from the postman that made the greatest impact, and could even be considered to have helped to change political history, because it was the poll tax above all which convinced an increasing number of Tory backbenchers that its true author and most

passionate advocate must go.
On that fateful Monday morning in November 1990. when my wife was driving me m the station to catch the train to London, she asked me how [would be voting in the leadership election on the following day. I was undecided, and told my wife that I would probably abstain. And then I remem-bered my postman. I voted for

Sir Robert Rhodes James was Conservative MP for Cambridge, 1976-1992.

The misrule of the Met

Several disturbing recent cases point to the continuing abuse of power by the police against minorities, says Bernard Levin

usy men with crowded schedules cannot always ensure that their passage is not strewn with holes in the pavement. bricks falling from windows or even a humble banana-skin or two. But it was singularly unfortunate that Sir Peter Imbert, the retiring Commissioner of Police, and Sir John Woodcock, Chief Inspector of Constabulary, both made speeches on the same day at the same occasion on similar themes, though the date was October 13. And what sinister omen, you ask, hovers over that apparently inoffensive date? First, the two speeches. Sir Peter did not shirk com-

ment on the waning confidence in the police, particularly in the light of recent police maifeasance, and he made quite a good fist of arguing against our adversarial system. Well, the system is indeed now under fire, but he rather spoilt his case by implying that it would not only improve the standards of justice, but tame the lawyers too. At least, he trotted out that spavined old hulk, the belief that a lawyer should not defend the accused if the lawyer himself thinks his client guilty, and he even seemed to quote as a criticism rather than an honour Dr Johnson's noble apophthegm: "A lawyer has no business with the justice or injustice of the cause which he undertakes." Naturally, Sir Peter asked for the scales of justice to be tipped much further away from the defendant, and it is tempting to agree with him. but we musm't; we must dling to the truth that in any just society the defendant should start with the scales weighted on his side.

Sir John Woodcock's speech was more illuminating, and indeed more useful to their joint cause. He was much more willing to broaden the "rotten apples" argument about crookedness in the force, but he too blamed the bar, though at least he blamed the judges as well. Code of Ethics (there is already a Statement of Common Purpose), and I have to point out that sprinkling capital letters about will not abolish crooked

I don't believe that we can ever make complete sense of our relationship with the police force. We need them, obviously; we admire them; yet we are disturbed by their very presence. It was not always so; when I was young, the policeman was, for everyone, a friend and a very present help in trouble, though we also knew perfectly well that there were crooks among them. Why, now, has the attitude changed? There is irony in this puzzle; as the rising curve of crime continues its climb, and we demand that we be protected from the criminals, we simultaneously feel unease, or even real fear, when we contemplate the force and its increasing powers. We are good at comforting police widows, but we can also call down real curses if our car is parked in the wrong place and the police remove it; we face both ways with the police. Anyway, there they were, on

that fateful October 13, two leading policemen making two leading speeches, both, as I have indicated, powerful and convincing. Yet the very day that the speeches were made we opened our newspapers to find accounts of one of the most shocking cases of police malfeasance in modern times. And if any police spokesman is in-clined to say that there is no proof of any malfeasance, he had better start by saying why, if there wasn't, the force should have paid £50,000 in damages and aggravated damages, together with costs, to settle a case in which the force was being sued for false imprisonment. battery and malicious prosecution. Watch the plaintiff, Mr Frank Critchlow:

He was handcuffed and forced onto the ground while two officers sat on his back and one stepped on his face [though not both at the same time, presumably]. After being char-



ged with possessing heroin and cannabls with intent to supply . . . he was acquitted.. Now hear his counsel:

"Mr Crichlow had been wrongfully and unlawfully arrested and detained at a police station, assaulted and injured in the course of the arrest and charged and prosecuted in relation to criminal offences, of which he was innocent, on the basis of evidence fabricated by the arresting police officers... The Commissioner was sued for damages and aggravated damages to com-pensate Mr Crichlow for ... his degrading treatment . . . The of-

ficers conspired together to de-

stroy or damage his reputation ... by seeking to con-

nect him with dangerous drugs. A bright lot, my readers; you

have already guessed at Mr Crichlow's colour. Before I go on to comment, I must say that the officers responsible for his treatment should have been already sacked for stupidity: they picked on one of the figures least likely to fit the fit-up. Mr Crichlow is a fiery man, but a trusted and serious figure in his West Indian area: he was chief steward of the Notting Hill Carnival for 20 years, and he denounces drug-use. I recall writing about another such case: the victim was a lay preacher with a responsible job in the BBC who had never touched cannabis in his life. Should not crooked policemen be sent on a course with some such title as How to pick the right victim? (Until recently, incidentally, there was a group of officers in the Notting Hill police station who called themselves the Black Watch. How tremendously

amusing!)
Now, I take it, you realise that the two chief policemen might, had they known in time, have fixed a different date for their joint analysis of the police force and its needs and problems. For there is more to come: when Mr Crichlow's prosecution was going on, the number of policemen testifying against him ran into double figures, yet the jury, who surely couldn't all have been mahogany-hued drug-

peddlers, acquitted him of all the charges but one; this hideous crime — its awful gravity can be deduced from the fact that he was fined 550 for it was for stepping one yard into an area in which he had been bound over from entering. (String him up, that's what I say.) But as for the other nine extravagandy sunburned people who had been arrested in the same round-up, these were all found not guilty (even of entering Torn Tiddler's Land), and I am waiting to hear that among the nine there were two bishops, Bodley's Librarian. Mother Teresa — well, she's a darkie and no mistake — and a counie of cabinet ministers, not that that today is any guarantee of respectability, as Lady Bracknell pointed out.)

m I too harsh? Should I wait for the disciplinary hearings, and hope that I live long enough (four or five years is a likely time, in which many of fingered policemen will have been promoted)? Should I ignore the inescapable implication of the criminal jury's findings? Should I take notice of the usual idiot who tells me that forking out £50,000 and costs doesn't mean that the police admit the crimes? Should I be impressed by the huge number of policemen who gave evidence (some, I fear, gave "evidence") against Mr Crichlow, or should I be amazed at the keen-eyed officers who saw every detail of what happened in the fracas? Should I applaud the admirable staunchness of the Met in refusing to offer any apology to Mr Crichlow?

I probably shan't; not from cynicism but weariness. Two honourable and scrupulous chiefs of police made long speeches about the duties and character of the force they command, at the very moment when the news from the High Court was sawing, from beneath, a hole in the floor on

which they were standing. Have your Code of Ethics, gentlemen, and much good may it do you. As far as we, the public, are concerned, it will now have as much reality for us as the Code of Hammurabi. For the Crichlow case turns the speeches of both police chiefs into paper that the least fastidious pot-smoker would scorn to wrap his joint in.

Ryder puts his back into it

RICHARD RYDER, who cancelled all sick leave for Tory MPs for last night's Commons vote, certainly believes in lead-ing by example. Ryder, the Tory chief whip, has picked up a painful back injury playing tennis at the Vanderbilt Racquet Club.

Despite the excruciating pain, rather than submit himself to an operation, which would put him out of the political action for up to three months - and sideline him for the crucial debate on the Maastricht bill -Ryder has given John Major a promise that he will not abandon his prime minister before the key vote. He refuses to discuss his injury, playing down all suggestions of personal bravery. "It is a private matter," he

says modestly. Ryder has postponed a deci-sion on going into hospital for the best of reasons. With Major having staked his reputation on getting the Maastricht bill through, the prime minister is relying on the acute political antennae of one of his closest friends to buy off Tory rebels and secure ratification of the treaty. The alarm in the Tory

high command at the prospect of losing Ryder during the Maastricht bill has been almost visible. Although Labour has always said it will support the bill, no one on the government benches is betting against what has become known in Downing Street as "the ambush theory". If John Smith, the Labour leader, thinks he could bring down the government, they believe, he could easily switch horses, claiming the issue was no longer Europe but the government's competence.

Material guile

THE hype over Sex, Madonna's silver-wrapped coffee-table pornography which went on sale yesterday, is about to extend

They've comoufloged the Madonna books





to the bloody battlefields of Bosnia. The latest gimmick, from publishers Secker and Warburg, is to shrink-wrap 3,500 copies of the book in a specially designed camouflage cover and send them post-haste to our boys on the front-line. "I think it a wonderful idea and one which should keep the men happy," says John Potter, publishing director.

The troops, hopefully, will be more appreciative than those who assembled in Covent Garden for the London launch on Tuesday tonight. After all the mystique, few of the great and the good turned out at the new Mezzaluna restaurant for a pes. Among those who did turn up was was Dave Stewart, formerly of the rock band Eurythmics. "I only came because I live around the corner. All I will say is that my wife is one hundred times sexier than Madonna."

● Not even displays of Madonna's Sex in bookshop windows could distract the Yorkshire miners from their protest on the streets of London yesterday. But the European Cup tie between Leeds United and Glasgow Rangers last night could. Are there any televisions for us to watch t'match at Commons?", they demanded when they met Leeds MP, John Battle. When they were told it was unlikely, the coaches were swiftly rearranged to get the miners home for the 8.05 kick-off.

Victory salutes

OPERATION Imperial War Museum started soon after 7 on Tuesday night, as General Norman Schwarzkopf, allied commander in the Gulf, launched his latest offensive, this time against reluctant British book-

Schwarzkopf, in London to

publicise his autobiography It Doesn't Take A Hero, arrived late, as do all good star turns, at what was, ostensibly, his party. He had not reckoned with Bar-oness Thatcher, in at the start of the Gulf war but, to her eternal chagrin, not around at its end. She appeared just minutes after the general's entrance to make an even grander one. The battle then began in earnest as the two old fighters worked their way around the room, each offering

compliments to the other.
"She is a great fighter," said
Schwarzkopf, clearly nervous about the excitement Thatcher's presence had caused. Thatcher said: "He is marvellous. It is so wonderful to see him. What we need in this country today is more pugnacious people who are prepared to fight." And with that cryptic comment Thatcher abandoned the battle-field.

Stallin' Norman

THE story in the tabloids that Norman Lamont has a £900 unpaid bill from the Grand Hotel in Brighton has caused a wry smile at the printers. Gee

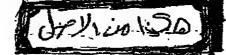
The chancellor is said to be disputing the bill for his stay during the Tory party conference. "We laughed when we heard they had not paid the Grand Hotel," says Andrew Pearson-Gee. "We have done a lot of work for the Lamonts over the years and they always quibble over the bill But it is Mrs Lamont rather than the chancellor we deal with." says Pearson-Gee. At one stage the firm threatened to stop working for the chancellor if bills were not settled promptly. "One bill took three months to pay," says Pearson-Gee.

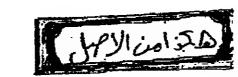
The last time Gee Brothers worked for the chancellor was when they printed the invita-tions for his fiftieth birthday party in June. By late August they were still awaiting the money, with the Lamonts insisting that the Treasury should pay, and vice versa. "Mrs Lamont wouldn't pay because she said the Treasury should

pay," Pearson-Gee said.

After publicity in The Times diary, the Treasury finally coughed up in early September. But was the public purse ever re-imbursed? "Of course," insists a spokesman. "There is no question of the taxpayer picking up the bill for any part of the birthday

In his last budget, Lamont castigated those who fail to pay small businesses on time and set a 30-day time limit on payment to all suppliers applying for gov-







THE END OF RECESSION

has been apparent to many of us for months. The economy is endangered by lack of growth, not by inflation. Yesterday the Treasury and its critics were arguing about whether this was or was not a U-turn. Let politicians call it what they like appreciation of reality under any guise should be welcomed not derided.

the responsibility of the private sector, a government does have the responsibility for creating the conditions for recovery. It is good to hear the prime minister lay such emphasis on that simple truth. Mr Major is now, it seems, prepared to grasp the opportunities as well as the responsibilities created by the withdrawal of sterling from the exchange-rate mechanism.

The government's responsibilities were clear from the beginning: without the disci-pline of the ERM, it had to use a tight fiscal policy to constrain inflation. But the opportunities can now be seized: unshackled from the Bundesbank, Britain can set interest rates to suit its own economic conditions.

For Mr Major's change of heart, both Arthur Scargill and Michael Heseltine should be thanked. The country was bemoaning the lack of recovery in May but the government was not listening. Conservatives argued at Brighton for a change of course, but those on the platform were unmoved. Only when the government looked Commons defeat in the face did it start to ask why backbenchers were so angry. The answer was, superficially, pit closures; but deeper down, the state of the economy was to blame.

On Tuesday it became clear that no difficult policy would be passed by the House while Tory backbenchers were in this mood. Ratification of the Maastricht treaty would be impossible. And a tough public-spending round would be accepted only if there were sharp cuts in interest rates to match. Now that the prime minister is finally showing leadership, his life should become easier.

The Times has set out today, on page 18, its own guide to recovery. This contains a set of policies that we have been recommending for months or, in some cases, years. Not all the measures need to be taken at once. But a package needs to be in place to restore the confidence of consumers, businesses and the financial markets. Central to it must be a sharp cut in interest rates.

Central, too, must be a new face at the Treasury. After failing even to hint at a recovery plan in his speech to the Consecvative conference, Norman Lamont has no credibility. If he were to announce a recovery package, investors might interpret it as a panic measure, particularly since he ruled out "kick-starting the economy through some artificial stimulus or device" in his evidence to the Treasury select committee only last week. The new plan needs a new Chancellor, and Mr Major could refine his leadership skills by giving Mr Lamont another cabinet job.

Whoever replaces Mr Lamont must have strong nerves. There is no point cutting interest rates dramatically if within a week or two they are raised again to protect sterling. Nothing would be more likely to crush what fragile confidence remains. If the Chancellor announces after cutting interest rates to 6 per cent that they will fall no further, the markets should calculate that sterling has reached its floor. But if it slips further, that is

no reason to raise interest rates again. Rates may be raised in the future if inflation becomes a threat. But they should not rise until the economy is firmly on the path to recovery. Lower interest rates should be the main plank of any programme to return to growth and if the government reneges on that policy, it will be finished.

Lower interest rates are a good Conservative route to recovery. They encourage pri-

the government must also continue to provide the infrastructure that makes the private sector competitive. Never has public-sector investment been so cheap: construction companies are desperate for contracts and each building worker who comes off unemployment benefit and into tax-paying work saves the government £8,000. Public-sector capital spending should be brought forward, from small items, such as new cars, to the massive, such as the channel tunnel fast link and

The more the government stimulates the economy through lower interest rates, the more important a tight fiscal policy becomes. Because capital spending must be protected, perhaps even increased, in this harsh economic climate, current spending will have to bear the brunt of the cuts. The government has already hinted at a 2 per cent pay ceiling for public-sector workers. A freeze would be more effective still, and would raise £2.5 billion, more than twice as

Public-sector wages have increased by 5 percentage points more than those in the private sector in the past two years. Publicsector employees have been almost insulated from the job insecurity from which the private sector has suffered. If ever there were

Both measures would send a signal to the economic cycle. If that involves future

To unfreeze the housing market, another source of low consumer confidence, the government should announce that mortgage interest tax relief will be abolished on new mortgages in a year's time, and phased out on existing ones. That would provide an incentive for first-time buyers to come into the market before November 1993. It would rid the tax system of a distortion that subsidises the middle classes and the wealthy at the expense of the poor. And it would save the government about £1 billion

interest rates. Because almost all mortgages and loans have a variable rate of interest, demand by both consumers and businesses

recession of '92 should be as a fading bad memory. The sooner the better.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Pit closures: the economics of providing Britain's power

From Mr I. D. Bruce

Sir, As purchasers of large amounts of fuel for use in private power stations serving the soda-ash industry in Northwich we are already seeing closer alignment between British Coal prices and those of imports since the exchange-rate movements of a month ago. Every penny off the dollar is making British Coal more competitive and we do not want our purchasing choices restricted as a consequence of government decisions based on earlier distortions.

Parliament must also examine properly the comparative cost of electricity based on gas and on coal, Some published data indicate that coal-based electricity is cheaper. If this is so, how can the regional electricity companies purchase gas-based electricity while coal-fired capacity is avail-able and at the same time honour their statutory obligation to buy from the cheapest source?

It is as well that this question is to be discussed in the trade and industry select committee (report, October 21) and if it takes time and results in some radical revisions in the present structure of the energy industry it will be time well spent.

Today the energy consumers' in-terests are very closely aligned with those of the miners. We need a much greater diversity in ownership of both fuel sources and of the means of generation of electricity to bring about a truly competitive environment.

Yours faithfully, IAN D. BRUČE Director, Business Development, Brunner Mond & Co. Ltd., PO Box 4, Mond House. Northwich, Cheshire. October 21.

From the Chief Executive of Nuclear

Sir, I was disappointed to see Peter Rost's suggestion ("Give King Coal a chance to prove itself", Business, October 20) that in a genuinely competitive market there would be no buyers for nuclear electricity. Our marginal costs of production are cheaper than those of any other supplier and we can therefore be confident of keeping our share of the

Our total costs, which are higher than we would like, reflect past investment decisions and the need to raise the provisions for liabilities inherited from the CEGB.

The future of nuclear power will depend on our being able to dem-onstrate that new nuclear stations are fully competitive with all comers. We are increasingly confident that we shall be able to do so when the industry is reviewed in 1994. We favour a balanced energy policy.

ROBERT HAWLEY. Chief Executive. Nuclear Electric plc, Barnett Way, Barnwood, Gloucester.

From Professor James Lawton

Yours sincerely

Sir, All the contracts signed between ex-CEGB generators and the regional electricity companies (RECs) for the franchise market become void at the end of March 1993 and are under competitive renegotiation. In the in-terest of competition the regulator should also require the contracts signed by the RECs with independent generators to join in this renegotiation, with one important addition —

The right way to do this is through a new futures and options market. The consequences for RECs that had made uneconomic deals would be dire, but then so are the consequences for closed pits and closed coal-fired power stations.

Yours sincerely, IAMES LAWTON, 38a Abbotswood, Guildford, Surrey. October 21.

From Mr Anthony Baker

Sir, Professor Colin Robinson ("Privatisation offers best chance of survival for pits on the hit list", October 19) says that "As far as one can tell, on the basis of unavoidable cash costs. For example, depreciation on previous capital investment is excluded and costs taken into account are confined to projected necessary expenditure on wages, material and equip-

Professor Robinson implies that privatising British Coal (and the mines proposed for closure in particular) would somehow cure the present problem. A privatised coal industry might well have lower costs: private management may be expected to reinforce the very practices (including the use of advanced mining technology and flexible working practices) which British Coal initiated in recent years and which have led already to enormous improvements in productivity and lower costs.

However lower costs will not by themselves create a market for coal where none is projected to exist. As Professor Robinson implies, the structural problems of the privatised electricity industry (with at least partly uneconomic construction of gas plant and the protection of the most expensive nuclear sector are at the heart of the problem.

British Coal's regret at the need for last week's announcements carunot be overstated. However, without an immediate increase in the constrained coal market, the retention of extra collieries can only jeopardise the long-term prospects for the remaining collieries.

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY BAKER (Head of Economics) British Coal Corporation, Hobart House, Grosvenor Place, SW1. October 21.

From Mr W. M. Furness

Sir. In addition to helping to create new employment in the coalfields and assisting miners to retrain (report, October 15) British Coal Enterprise (BCE) has always made available to them free independent financial advice covering tax and investment of redundancy and retirement lump

This takes the form of a seminar for those registering at job shops and new career centres operated by BCE.

Yours faithfully, W. M. FURNESS (Finance Director). British Coal Enterprise Ltd., Edwinstowe House, Edwinstowe, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

From Mr Stephen Levinson and Mr Anthony Korn

Sir. Most criticism of the government's handling of the pit closures has been directed at its political judgment but some of the problems might have been avoided if the closure plans had taken closer account of British Coal's legal responsibility to consult the mineworkers' unions for a period of 90 days before any of the redundancies took effect. This statutory obligation incorporates the 1975 European Directive on collective

The failure to consult may expose British Coal (and the taxpayer) to thousands of claims for unfair dismissal. The prospect of British Coal resisting such claims will not have been significantly improved unless the proposed consultation is mean-

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN LEVINSON, ANTHONY KORN, Paisner & Co. (Solicitors), Bouverie House, 154 Fleet Street, EC4. October 21.

From Ms Abigail Hague

Sir, Mr Cyril Sherwood (letter, October 21) asks whether future generations of children will not learn with amazement about the dirt and dangers of coal mining. Will they not be equally amazed that many years' worth of a viable fuel energy resource were "trashed" under a concept known as market forces?

Yours faithfully, ABIGAIL HAGUE, 127 Hunter House Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

From Lord Kennet

Sir, You describe Tuesday night's Opposition victory in the House of Lords as an ambush (report, October 21, later editions). This term is usually used to describe occasions when Opposition peers keep out of sight until the division bell and then suddenly emerge. This did not hap-pen on Tuesday night the govern-ment was well aware there would be a

It is important to maintain the distinction because when a govern-ment knows a division is coming it has every opportunity to gather its troops if it can.

Yours sincerely, WAYLAND KENNET, House of Lords. October 21.

From Mrs Sonia Mayhew

Sir, Is the government really doing Uturns or is this what is commonly known as "going round in circles"? Yours faithfully. SONIA MAYHEW.

30 Eithiron Road, SW6. From the Rector of Balsham

Sir, Is there anything in A. P. Herbert's comment on the President of the Board of Trade: This high official, all allow, Is grossly overpaid, There wasn't any Board; and now There isn't any trade.

convinced that there is now an urgent need to strengthen trustees in their traditional and important role as the

accountable leaders of charities. This

need can best be met by an authori-

tative body of and for charity trustees.

now being placed on trustees them-selves nor the increasing demands

being placed on charities to meet society's needs will be fully met unless

trustees are supported - and trustee-

ship promoted - by an independent

organisation representative of their

Such an organisation would aim to raise the level of competency and effectiveness of trustees, enhance pub-

lic recognition of the role and im-

portance of charity trusteeship, and

represent trustees' interests to govern-

ment and the Charity Commissioners

In my view, neither the demands

Yours faithfully W. N. C. GIRARD, The Rectory, Balsham, Cambridgeshire. October 19.

'Spitting Image' portrayal of Christ

From the Chief Executive of the Independent Television Commission

Sir, Lord Ashbourne and others (letter, October 19) refer to the Spitting Image programme broadcast on October 11 and to the ITC's programme code. The puppet of Jesus Christ did cause offence to a number of Christians. That is a matter of genuine regret to the ITC.

Since the item was transmitted the ITC has had discussions with Central Television, which provided the programme to the ITV network. The ITC accepts that Central Television gave serious consideration to the acceptability of the item but has made it clear that in any future editions of Spitting Image they must exercise particular care to take account of deeply felt religious sensibilities.

As to religious broadcasting, the ITC's code does not, as the letter suggests, prevent the televising of a church service, rally or meeting at which Dr Billy Graham or any other Christian preaches the Gospel. The code's provisions are designed to implement the requirements of the Broadcasting Act 1990, which inter alia requires that religious programmes do not involve:

(i) any improper exploitation of any susceptibilities of those watching the pro-TO SECRIBE

(ii) any abusive treatment of the religious views and beliefs of those belonging to a particular religion or religious denomina

Yours faithfully, DAVID GLENCROSS, Chief Executive, ITC, 70 Brompton Road, SW3. October 20.

From Bishop Graham Leonard

Sir, The Church of England is not backward in commenting on public affairs but as far as religious matters are concerned its silence is frequently shattering. I understand that the Church of England made no effective public protest following the guying of Christ in Spitting Image. It was left to the Muslim community to do so, which it did with effect. Do we now have to depend upon it rather than the Established Church to stand up for our Blessed Lord?

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM LEONARD, 25 Woodlands Road, Witney, Oxfordshire. October 2 i

Spoil of war

From Mr Julian M. Deaner

Sir, Some years ago I ended the practice of drafting wills with the opening words: "This is the last will and testament of . . ." I assumed that 900 years after the Norman conquest it was unnecessary to include both the Norman and Saxon words for a will as the descendants of the two communities accepted either term.

If Matthew Parris (article, October

12) is to be believed ("The Norman Conquest was a very great humili-ation"... there is a "Norman-Saxon fault line") this was somewhat pre-

Yours faithfully. JULIAN DEANER. Myers, Ebner & Deaner (solicitors). Medway House. 103 Shepherds Bush Road, W6.

Morris women From Mr S. P. Hargrave

Sir. I would recommend that Mr P. J. Holdaway (letter, October 19) leaves the verdant pastures of deepest Surrey and visits those parts of England where other traditions of English ritual dance can be found. He seems only to have seen exponents of the Cotswold tradition; let him try the delights of Lancashire and Cheshire, where processional dances have long been danced with great precision and

virtuosity by women as well as men. I would agree that some forms of dance — for example the border morris, found mainly in Shropshire are indeed most effective as a spectacle when danced by men, but let us not be sexist about this. There is little or no evidence to prove that traditional dances were only danced by men. In some areas, traditional dances have only been kept going because of significant efforts by many dedicated and enthusiastic women.

Yours faithfully S. P. HARGRAVE, 72 Alva Way. Carpenders Park, Watford, Hertfordshire. October 19.

Harder to remember

From Rear Admiral I. G. W.

Sir, Could I ask you, kindly, to advise the members of the Craft (Can't Remember a Flipping Thing) Club now well over 4,000 - that their president (me) went to the theatre in Brighton the other night to see a play. On presenting the tickets at the door he was advised that he had arrived a month too early.

Yours faithfully, IAN ROBERTSON, Moons Oast, Barcombe Road, Piltdown, Sussex. October 19.

Charity trustees

From Mr Christopher McCall, QC Sir, Mr John Goldsmith's letter of

October 13, asking whether the trustees of a charity can be bound by a vote of its members, raises an interest-In the realms of charity, democracy

has its limits, and one is that a charity may not exceed its permitted purposes. Trustees can take no comfort from a members vote if their funds will thereby be devoted to a purpose outside the charity's remit.

Against that background there is surely much force in Mr Martin Eede's suggestion, made in his letter which you published in the same issue, that we need a national and recognised association of charitable trustees. Such a body could offer valuable assistance to those who volunteer their services in administering this enormous and vitally important segment of the public wealth; the burdens on them are all too easily

(and dangerously) underestimated, not least by themselves, while their duties can on occasion be lonely and unpopular.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER McCALL, 7 New Square. Lincoln's Inn, WC2. October 13.

From Mr David Forrest

Sir, Mr Eede (October 13) will be pleased to learn that active discussion is now taking place within the charitable sector about the setting up of an association of charity trustees. This has been triggered by both the Turnin report "On Trust" and my own report to the Charity Commissioners and the trustees of the Charities Aid Foundation, who commissioned me to examine the need for such an association.

From my experience as the former Secretary of the Charity Commission and from consultations with many of the principal bodies in the sector, I am

Yours sincerely, DAVID FORREST (Secretary, Charity Commission, 1984-92), St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, SW1.

in particular.

Child prodigies Caesarean birth

From the Headmaster of Chetham's School of Music

Sir, Without doubt "an alarming number of brilliant child musicians suffered mental difficulties later in life" (leading article, "A man for four seasons", October 15); however the emphasis is rapidly changing. Today, in schools where the skills of the phenomenally gifted are rightly prized, it is the education of the whole person which is seen as central. Efficient pastoral care and skilled teaching ensure that the individual on the fast track to the concert platform is educated for a lifetime, not merely groomed for the next hit.

Yours faithfully, PETER F. HULLAH, Chetham's School of Music. Long Millgate, Manchester 3. October 16.

Sir, Mrs Margaret Puxon, OC.

FRCOG, writes (letter, October 19) criticising Sir Stephen Brown's ruling on a caesarean birth as being inconsistent with the decision of the Court of Appeal in In Re T. (Law Report, August 21). In doing so she cites my judgment, but appears to have overlooked my reference to precisely the situation with which Sir

suffers from no mental incapacity has an absolute right to choose whether to consent to medical treatment, to refuse it or to choose one rather than another of the treatments being oftered. The only possible qualifica-tion is a case in which the choice may lead to the death of a viable foetus.

it arises, the courts will be faced with a novel problem of considerable legal and ethical complexity.

decisions which others might regard as sensible. It exists notwithstanding that the reasons for making the choice are rational, irrational, unknown or even non-existent.

Yours faithfully,

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Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -

Sir Stephen Brown was faced with just such a problem.

DONALDSON of LYMINGTON, House of Lords.

Sports letters, page 43

muddle. If its executives were not such fools of all ages.

his stride, Verdi composed his greatest opera, Hitchcock directed Frenzy, Roget published his Thesaurus, Isaac Newton sat sent to him by the young flibbertigibbet Leibnitz (aged 69), and John Nash enlarged

John Major wants growth; here is how to achieve it The government has at last accepted what vate-sector spending and investment. But Although economic growth is primarily London's Crossrail.

much as the government's plan.

a time for a pay freeze, it is now. . The other large component of current spending is social security. The government should freeze both child benefit and pensions - since both go to rich and poor alike - but raise by more than the rate of inflation the corresponding benefits that are targeted at the poor: family credit and income support for pensioners. This would save £750m.

financial markets that the government is not embarking on a dash for growth, careless of the consequences for public borrowing or inflation. The Autumn Statement should be accompanied by a long-term plan for public spending that reiterates the government's intention to balance the budget over the

increases in taxes, so be it.

in the first year, rising to £5 billion a year. We believe that these measures will lead to a resumption of growth combined with lowinflation. There are dangers, of course. The first is that, following the American exampie, even deep cuts in interest rates will not be enough and recovery will be as far away as ever. We judge that to be unlikely. Britain, unlike America, is an economy of floating

is highly sensitive to interest-rate changes. In the longer term, excessive inflation might resume. But after the 1979-81 recession, it took four years for inflation to return, and that was because the government deregulated financial markets, leading to a boom in lending, and compounded the inflationary effect by cutting interest rates and taxes at the height of the boom. This time, the government must be more vigilant and use interest rates as a counter-inflationary measure if ever boom looks like turning into bubble. Unemployment may not start to fall for some time. But soon the

AGED AUNTIE Stop this politically incorrect ageism at the BBC

There are good arguments why Marmaduke Hussey should or should not have had his contract renewed as chairman of the BBC. But his director general, Sir Michael Checkland, was wrong to adduce

old age as one of them. According to Sir Michael it was bizarre to have such an old man leading the Beeb into the next century. Would he have dared to use the argument that Mr Hussey was unsuitable because he was sexually, or racially or physically disadvantaged. Discrimination because of age is called ageism; a silly name for a silly attitude.

Ronald Reagan was not elected president until he was Mr Hussey's age. At 69. Wagner composed Parsifal, Turner painted "Rain, Speed and Steam", John D. Rockefeller turned from making millions out of oil to giving away millions in philanthropy, Palladio built the Church of the Redeemer in Venice. Claude painted "Landscape with Dancers". Haydn composed the Seasons. and Newton wrote. The boiling blood of youth puts the spirits upon too much emotion, or else causeth too many spirits."

This is a generation that believes that youth is the wisest as well as the best time, and that obsolescence follows shortly after adolescence. It is wrong. When Mr Hussey is due to retire in 1996, he will be only 73. At that virile age Sophocles was just getting into up all night solving a mathematical problem

Buckingham Palace. In the cold eye of hindsight, the last was not such a good

advertisement for the wisdom of age. The director general could acceptably criticise his chairman for being out of touch, and for thinking that FM stands for "fuzzy monsters", though it is not necessary to have reached 69 to pass on the question to which the answer is "frequency modulation". He is allowed to claim that the renewal of Mr Hussey's contract was an attempt to emasculate the independence of the BBC in the run-up to the renewal of its Charter. But he was wrong to bring in the age factor.

Mr Checkland has now apologised though he has not withdrawn his remarks. Nor should he, apart from that age statistic. It lets in a breath of fresh air when the functionaries of such a secretive and self-important organisation as the BBC, that retirement home for gentlefolk, and now, not so gentle folk, speak out in public about their internal politics. Sir Michael was quite right to draw attention to the absurdity of the appointment of John Birt as his successor almost two years before the handover, introducing this period of futile and confused and demoralised transition. It is ridiculous for an chief executive to have his successor-inwaiting breathing down his neck.

Only the BBC could get into such a

caricatures, it would be necessary to invent them. But in spite of them, and in spite of mockery and hostility, it still produces some programmes that are the envy of the world. You pay your licence fee, and you get your

From Lord Donaldson of Lymington

Stephen was faced. I said: An adult patient who, like Miss T.,

That is not this case and, if and when

This right of choice is not limited to

071-782 5046.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 21: The Prince Edward, President of the National Youth Music Theatre, this morning at-tended a Press Conference at the Palace Theatre, London

Mr Geoffrey Crawford was in attendance. October 21: The Princess Royal this morning opened Phase II of The Royal Bournemouth Hospital. Bournemouth and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Dorset (the Lord

Digby).

Her Royal Highness afterwards opened Springbourae Fire Station. Richmond Park Close, Bournemouth, Dorset. .

The Princess Royal subsequently visited the Fortune Centre of Riding Therapy, Avon Tyrell. The Countess of Lichfield was in

The Princess Royal President, National Federation of Young Farmers Clubs, this evening held a Reception at Buckingham Palace to mark the Foundation of the Rural Youth Trust on its Diamond

KENSINGTON PALACE October 21: The Princess of Wales today visited Rent and was re-ceived by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Kent (the Countess Mouribatten of Burma).

Her Royal Highness this morning opened the Pania Carr Di-abetes Care Centre at the William Harvey Hospital: Ashford. The Princess of Wales after-

wards opened the Heart of Kent Hospice at Preston Hall, Aylesford Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Royal Victoria Place Shopping Centre, Tun-

The Princess of Wales, Patron. then visited West Kent RELATE at Serenoaks. Captain Edward Mulsto RM

October 21: The Duke of Glouces ter. President the National Association of Boss' Clubs, was present this afternoon at the Annual

Service dinners HMS Invincible

The Wardroom Mess of HMS Invincible. Flagship to the Commander UK Task Group, held a dinner last night at sea in the Arabian Gull to mark the anniversity of Technology. sary of the Bartle of Trafalgar. Commander A.B. Trentham presided and Mr G.S. Burton, HM Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, proposed the toast to the "immortal memory"

RN. RM. WRNS and QARRNS Vice-Admiral Sir David Dobson presided at the Trafalgar night dinner held last night by Officers General Meeting at Saddlets' Hall, Gutter Lane. London EC3, Major Nicholas Barne was in

YORK HOUSE October 21: The Duke of Kent this morning opened the CT Scanner Room, Hillingdon Hospital Unbridge, Middlesex.

His Royal Highness this after-noon re-opened the Nursing Home and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire (Commander the Hon John Fremantle, RN). Captain the Hon Tom Coke was

The Duke of Kent. Grand Master of the Royal United Grand Lodge of England, this evening attended the Deputy Grand Direc-tors of Ceremonies' Club Annual Dinner at 11 Ironmonger Lane, London EC2. Commander Roger Walker.

RN, was in attendance. The Duchess of Kent, former Colonel-in-Chief of the Army Catering Corps, today attended Old Comrades Day, Aldershot.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK October 21: Princess Alexandra

this morning attended the Britain in Bloom Awards Presentation at the Royal Lancaster Hotel. London W2. The Lady Nicholas Gordon mnox was in attendance.

Her Royal Highnes, Patron, this afternoon opened the new head-quarters of BACUP at 3 Bath Place. Rivington Street. London Mrs Peter Afia was in

Princess Alexandra. Colonel-in-Chief of the King's Own Royal Border Regiment, subsequently crived Brigadier James Howard. mental Secretary, Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Strickland upon relinquishing command of the 4th Banalion and Lieutenant-Colonel Stephen Flanagan on assuming this appointment.

of the Royal Navy. Royal Marines Women's Royal Naval Service and Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Allied Naval Forces Southern

Europe, Naples.

9th Lancers and 12th Lancers 9th Lancers and 12th Lancers who fought at El Alamein dined to gether last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

Dinners

Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, Chief of Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, presided at a Navy Board Trafal-gar night dinner held last night at Admiralty House. Among those

DITECT CONTROL OF PARAMEN. Lord Macfarians of Bearden. Mr Malcolin Rikkind. Oc. MP. Sir David Gillistore. Admiral Sir Jock Slater. Admiral Sir Michael Livesay. Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Livesay. Vice-Admiral Sir Nevlike Purvis, Admiral W D Smith, USN, Reachantral Peter Abbon. Dir Malcolin Additionsh. Mr Eyic Hazurond. Mr Richard Marriort and Mr J M Siewan. Naval Historiana

Rear-Admiral R.T. Frere. Flag Officer Submarines, was the guest at the annual dinner of naval storians held last night at the Garrick Club to mark the Ba Trafalgar. Captain John Coote presided and the mast to the immortal memory was proposed by Mr Tom Pocnck Others present included:

adming of the Flore Lord Lewis, RG, Vice-adminis Str. ien: McGeoch. Vice-adminis Str. George Vailings, Surgeon Vice-adminis Str. James Watt, Mr. Richard Hough, Dr. Roger, Kright, bir Pairick O'Bring and Mr. Richard Olland.

Bowvers' Company Mr Christopher Balle ter of the Bowyers Company, assisted by Mr James James Crook and Mr Peter Begent, Wardens, presided at a livery dinner held last night at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. The other speakers were Major-General David Pank and Mr Nicholas Chamberlin.

Scriveners' Company Mr Alan H. Cope, Master of the Scriveners Company, presided at the annual ladies dinner held last night at Apothecaries' Hall. The Recorder of London and Mrs Verney were among the guests.

Reform Clab A dinner to relebrate the 10th anniversary of the foundation of the Thackeray Society took place at the Reform Club yesterday. Mr Russell Burlingham was in the Chair, Dr David Starkey spoke, and Mr Richard Brudenell

University of Bristol Sir Michael Angus, leader of the Campaign for Resource at the University of Bristol, presided at a dinner held last night at the Institution of Civil Engin Great George Street, SW1, in the presence of Sir Jeremy Morse. Chancellor. Mrs Stella Clarke, the Chairman of Council, and Sh John Kingman, FRS. Vice-Chancellor, for Patrons of Campaign and guests, including Mr Fujio Yoshida and Mr Haydn Harrisson, to mark the first anniversary of the launch of the Campaign for Resource. In the first year, the Campaign has raised to million investment in the

University. Cauning House

DEATES

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EVARS - On October 19th.
suddenly. Dr. William Dytrig
Evans, Beloved Rather of
Heather, Williams and Kelley.
Greatly nelssed by Fay.
family and many riends.
Funeral Service in St Nindam.
Church. Castle Douglas. on
Friday October 28rd at
11.30 am. Farally flowers
only please. For commentorative donations to charity
contact is mendal Funeral
Director on (0566) 3713.

FACTI-SE FATTIES - On
Comber 19th, Peter
Lawrence, peacefully at
home in Serview, late of
Wight. After a prolonged
times borne with great
dignity. Deeply loved
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and devoted fatter to

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and orest-grandamer-ma orest-grandamer-Funeral on Tuesday October-Zith et 3 pm. Potney Vale. Crematorium. Family Howers only. Donations to Help the Aged c/o F.W. Palne (Funeral Directors). 6 Coombe Lame, Londom SW20.

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TMAHAM - On Octabe 1970.

peacefully in bospital. John Graham of Playden, Rye. Sussex, Dear husband of Nan and much lowed father, grandfather. Grenation strictly private. No flowers pleese. Donations if desired to the Colf Foundation.

MAY 1972. The much suffering. Denis John (D.J.) born on All South Day 1908. Dear to May (nee Apel), sons Leo, Martin and John, M. Service at St Michaels Parish. Grove, Highgale, on Tuesday October 27th at 2.30 pm., followed by private committal at St Marylebone Crenatorium. We hope friends will take refreshment in the church following the church to the firm of the flowers to the fleese of the church following the church following the church following the church following the church to the fleese of the church following the church to the fleese of the church following the church to the fleese of the church following the c

Viscount Montgomery of Ala-mein, President of the Hispanic and Luso Brazilian Council, was host at a dinner held last night at Canning House, 2 Beigrave Square, in honour of Ambassadors and Heads of Mission of Latin America and representatives of Spain and Portugal. Sir Derek Homby, Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, was the

JONES - Co Dorber 11th.
Thomas Williams, beloved insuband of Phillippe, father of Giyra and Sara. Passaral less talons place.

Lithers-Modrada — On October 20th 1992, Ann Jacqueline Garenciéres. Widow of Peint. Stother of Sarah and Hugh. grandmother of Peinr and Jounnas. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Bury St. Edmunds, on Wednesday October 28th at 1.30 pm. No flowers blesse, but donations if desired to Macmillan

Suffolk.

LEDDIARID - On October 20th 1992. Francis John. Funeral Service on Friday October 23rd at Caminy Crematorinate. Coventry. 11.20 am. Flowers to Punyetter & Son. City Monte. Lands Street. Coventry. Int. 120 am. Flowers to Punyetter & Son. City Monte. Lands Street. Coventry. Int. (0203) 223345.

MORGAR-WILLIAMS - On October 19th. Major lands Morgan-Williams. Othe. In his 70th, year. much loved 2after of Robert and Andrew. Funeral in Jersey to be amounted later. Richlandson - On October 20th. Grace Mary. widow of Michael, Much missed by all her family. Private cremation followed to a service at Radchive Church. Friday October 30th at 12 noon. Flowers or dotations if desired to Radchive Church. Vladek, stage and film actor. suddenly at his London home. Service at 11 am at Brompton Oratory. Theoday October 27th. Burial at Strengton Oratory. Theoday October 27th. Burial at Strengton Oratory. Theoday October 27th. Burial at 1986.

October at Pulbey Vale Cemetery. All welcome.

STONER-SHERRY-On Ochober 19th at the Sherburze Hoostid, Chichester, Charles hoosted, Chickethar, Charles hossessed of the late Dorise cale Cutting helowed brother of Gladys. He donated his body in medical research. THESES - On October 19th 1992 in libra, Spain. Ferdhand Tredde Thebes, after a short limen, Twenty-Hand - On October 20th. Elmor Mebel Joss. of Church Shwitos. Shropstire, pencefully at boone, Funeral Service at Dieddebusy Church, Craveo Arms. at 2pm es Monday October 20th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Suropebire Red Cross Society. Enquiries to A.S. Morris & Sor Funeral Directors, Church Streton, he: 00540 722875.

VERNEY - On October 19th. David. The Auseral will bake place at 3 pm en Friday October 20rd St. Erme Parish Church. Family Sowers only. Genations in lieu of, in aid of St.Erme Parish Church. Prancis. helowed husband of Angels. Thankagiving Service 2.50m on Sanutagy October 19th. peacetailty at house. Prancis. helowed husband of Angels. Thankagiving 28rvice October 19th. peacetailty at husband of Angels.

October 19th, peacetailty at horne, Francia, beloved hisband of Angela. Service 2.50pm or Saturday October 31st at All Seinti Church, Wolstone, No Rowers by request, donatons to Rayal Society for Nature Conservation. The Green, Witham Park, Lincoln.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

PHILPIN JONES - WIRAM
John Philpin Jones, MBE.
Jon. The Cartonist. A
Service of Translaying for
his life will be held at St.
Bride's. Fleet Street. on
Wednesday November 11th
at 12 noon.



Time to remember: John Nichol, the RAF pilot shot down in the Gulf War and later paraded on Iraqi television, launched the Poppy Appeal's 1992 nationwide poster campaign yesterday with his colleague John Peters

Birthdays today

Lord Birkett, 63; Colonel J.N.

national and Comparative Law. 64; Mr Mike Hendrick, cricketer. 44: Miss Irene Hindmarsh, for mer principal, St Aidan's College, Durham, 69; Mr Derek Jacobi. actor, 54; Mrs Doris Lessing, author, 73; Lord Lloyd of Hampstead, QC, 77; Sir Donald Mointyre, opera singer, 58; Mr Keivin MacKenzie, editor, The Sun. 46: Mr James Sharples, chief able, Merseyside, 49; Mr Michael Stoute, racehorse trainer, 47; Vice-Admiral Sir FitzRoy Talbot, 83; Mr A.R. Thatcher, former

bridge University, 62: Sir Hugh Worstner, horelier, 84.

Evian Health Awards

The Hon Tom Sackville, MP. Under Secretary of State for Health, presented the 1992 Evian Health Awards on Tuesday. October 20, at The Hyatt Carlton

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.P.B. Bevan and Miss S.A. Taylor

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The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Bevan, of Kyres Cyprus and South Petherson, Somerset, and Sarah, only daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Leonard Taylor. Rotherham, Yorkshire.

Mr S.P. Drew and Miss A.E. Robins The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Drew, of Alyth. Perthshire, and Annie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Robinson, of Boars Hill, Oxford. Mr.S.C. Duckworth and Miss V.J. Harrison.

The engagement is announced between Stephen Charles, younger son of Mr W. Duckworth and the late Mrs O. Duckworth and stepson of Mrs J. Duckworth, of Abbeytown, Cumbria, and Vanessa Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Harrison, of Hexham, Northumberland. Mr D.M. Evans

and Miss J.J. Scaright The engagement is announced between David Mowbray, son of Mr David Evans and Mrs Stephame Jones, of Washington DC. USA, and Juliette Jenevora, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Searight, of Potterne, Wiltshirt and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Captain N.D. Garrett and Miss E.K. Manger

The engagement is announced between Captain Nicholas Garren The Life Guards, younger son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Garrett, of Windsor, Berkshire, and Emma Kathryn, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Manger, of Crowborough, East Sussex.

Mr.A.E. Medd and Miss E.V. Fleiding The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr. and Mrs Robert Medd, of Cornampton, Hampshire, and Emma, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Shaun Fielding, of Martock, Somersol.

Mr N.W.M. Richards and Miss M.J. Callen The engagement is amounced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs D.M. Richards, of East Bridgiard, Nottinghamshire, and Miranda, only daughter of Mr AJ. Chilen, of Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne and Ann Cullen, of Osney island, Oxford

Mr.G. Somers-Hicks and Miss M.C. Stein The engagement is announced between Geoffrey Somers-Hicks and Mary Christine Steinson, both of Lytham.

Mr J.M. The and Miles V.A. Golden The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs 3 Clive Thompson, of Horbury, Wakefield, and Vivienne, daugi-ter of Mr and Mrs Howard Goldsmith, of Portsmouth.

Mr.P.C.D. Toyue Seweli and Miss A.H. Malcolm The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Patrick Toyae Sewell, Kings Own Scottish Boxderess, son of Major-General and Mrs Timothy Toyne Sevell, of Government House, RMA Sand-hurst, and Annabel, younger daughter of Colonel and Mrs James Malcolm, of Thatchers Barn, Wornlesdon, Surrey.

Mr P.W. Walters
and Miss E.S. Phelps Brown
The engagement is announced of
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Mr S.R. Wendin III and Miss L.L. Barros The engagement is amounced between Robert, only son of Mr Sigurd R. Wendin Jr, of Darien, Connecticut. USA and Mrs Diane Florida, USA, and Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Barrow, of Fiddless Copse, Plaistow, West Sussest. Captain G.V. Woyka

and Miss S.M. Rue The engagement is announced between Captain Valentine Woyler, the Blues and Royals, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.G. Woyler, of Standing Stone, Bast Lothian, Scotland, and Sofia, daughter of Mr J.E.K. Rae and Mrs S.Z. de Ferrand, of Cheshin.

Marriage

Mr HLR.F. Somewet and Miss J.J. Gordon The marriage took place on Octo-ber 17, 1992, at Currie Kirk, Edibburgh, between Mr Henry merser and Miss Jame Gordon.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as Patron of the Royal Opera House, accompa-nied by the Princess of Wales, will host an 80th birthday party and concert for Sir Georg Solti at Buckingham Palace at 7.00.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Headway Nanonai Head Injuries
Association, will strong a reception
at the Cumberland Hotel at 10.45.
The Princess Royal, as President of

Parrons of Crime Concern, will

strend the Crime Concern coleference, Youth Crime Prevention at The Old Brewery, Chiswell Street, at 9.30. The Duize of Gloucesser will opin the new sports hall at Northamp-ton School for Boys at noon; and

will open the Towester Centre for

Leisure at 2.20. The Duchess of Kent will open the new police station at Haywards Heath at 11.45; as Parron of The Spassies Society, will visit Inglield. Manor School and the Dame Vera Lynn School for Farents at Fiveoalta, Billingsturst, at 1.40.

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Arthur Scott, dearly belowed
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F.R.C.S., F.A.J., formerty of New Military. Hands. Required Mass at St. 6wilhtun's Church. Bridgort. on Tuesday October 27th at 11.30 am, followed by interment at All Seints Church. Militordon-Sea. Hands. at 3.15 pm. Family Rowers only please, dopations if desired may be sent for Clergy Training to A.G. Down Funeral Directors, 66 South Street. Bridgort. Dorset 1775 2NN.

17th 1992. David Kighley. husband of the late hobel. aged 87. at Hereford after a short Moses. Funeral private. No Rowers, please, but denotions if desired to Christian Aid.

1992. Reginald Thomas (Rex), Much loved husband of Tamsyn and father of Thomas. Funeral at Bucklands Monachorum Parish Church on Monday October 26th at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only. Denniless desired in The Ritish Heart Foundation c/o The Co-operative Pumeral Scrytec, 61 Exeter Street, Plymouth, 10752) 664618.

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peacefully at James Paget Hospital, Gorleston, Great Yarmoutin, William Dickson M.B.E., F.R.S.E., aged 87, former Head of Chemistry at George Watson's College, Furnitury, University of The American of Zie and Eather of Mariory.

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BARLEY - On October 17th 1992, suddenly at Bridgort, Dorset, Raw, Harold Edward, F.R.C.S., F.A.J., formerly of New Militan, Hunts, Regulen

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Gresham College Mr G.H. Webb, CMG, OBE, has been appointed Clerk to the Council of Gresham College in succession to Mr Howard Truelove.

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Blashford-Snell, explorer, 56; Mr W.P. Bowman, chairman, Covent Garden Market Authority. 60: Lord Burnham, 72; Mr L.R. Carus, former principal, Birmingham School of Music, 65; Mrs B.D. Crais, former principal. Somerville College, Oxford, 77: Miss Carnerine Deneuve, actress. Sir Dennis Faulkner, 66: Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalam Howard, Gold Stick to The Oueen. 76: Miss Joan Fontaine, actress, 75; Lady (Michael) Fox. former director. British Institute of Inter-

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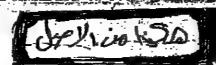
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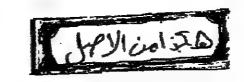
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THE RIGHT REV GERALD ELLISON

The Right Rev Gerald Alexander Ellison, KCVO, PC, Bishop of London from 1973 to 1981, died on October 18 aged 82. He was born on August

GERALD Ellison was the son and grandson of distin-guished dergymen and was perhaps one of the last great statesman bishops who have given much to the Church of England and the nation in the last 150 years.

Although easy to caricature as a pompous and conserva-tive churchman, he was in fact very far from that as a close look at his life makes clear. Could a conservative, for instance, have voted as early as 1966 for the ordination of women to the priesthood or judged at Henley.

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Ellison was the son of J. H. J. Ellison who at that time was the vicar of Windsor, as his father had been before him. Gerald was in every sense born to the ecclesiastical purple: his father's first wife, who had died tragically young, was the daughter of Randall Davidson who had been Dean of Windsor before eventually becoming one of the best known Archbishops of Canterbury of this century. Gerald was thus brought up both in the shadow of the throne and of Lambeth where he remembered dining with Davidson in the days when there were 30 domestics in the palace.

He began his education as a chorister at St George's, Windsor, where the foundations were laid of his lifelong love of music and his very considerable expertise, and he always retained his affection for the Chapel. From Windsor he went to Westminster where he was a fine oar and, going up to New College, he was soon in the Oxford boat. He rowed in the races of 1932 and 1933, and in 1934 was president but stood down from the race through lack of form. He retained his lifelong association with rowing and often

bridge. He later became chaplain to Cyril Garbett who was then Bishop of Winchester and began an association which was to be the foundation of his subsequent ministry. In 1939 he immediately volunteered and joined the Navy where he became Chaplain of the battleship HMS Barham. After a disagreement with the captain over the arrangements for divine service he was transferred to the Orion and was mentioned in dispatches for his part in the



Battie of Cape Matapan, His firmness over the incident on the Barham saved his life for she was subsequently sunk with great loss, including that of his successor.

In 1943 Garbett, who had by then become Archbishop of York, obtained Ellison's release from the Navy and he bewildered and unhappy dio-

lain. He spent only three years at York, but they were seminal ones; Garben's methods were very different from those of his predecessor William Temple, and Ellison had to use all his tact in interpreting the new archbishop to a sometimes

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cese. It required, too, not a little courage to stand up to the archbishop who could at times be somewhat overbearing, but at the same time he learned an immense amount about the

From Bishopsthorpe he went to be Vicar of St Mark's, Portsea, where in 1947 he married Jane Gibbon, daughter of Brigadier John Gibbon. After only four years there he was offered the Suffragan See of Willesden by Bishop Wand and thus began his association with London. From Willesden he was in 1055 to be Bishop Wand he went in 1955 to be Bishop of Chester where he was to remain for 18 years. He was a member of the Archbishop's commission on Women in Holy Orders and came down firmly on the side of the ordination of women to the oriesthood.

From Chester he came to London in 1973. There he soon saw that the diocese was too large and turwieldy and before be had been a year in office he had started on the task of setting up the area system under which the Suffragan bishops were given a very large degree of autonomy.

In London Ellison usually chaired the Church Commissioners' committees when the archbishop was not able to be present. He also became the spokesman for all Church

GERT BASTIAN

legislative matters in the House of Lords where his meticulous preparation and grasp of detail made a great contribution.

In the Synod he became a more and more important figure and his magisterial speeches delivered in his strong firm voice, and not without humour, carried great weight in that assembly. Such was the public man, a hishop of imposing presence, wise in judgment and in his public utterances, who understood Parliament and Whitehall, a splendid chairman, a person greafly trusted and respected, but perhaps a trifle forbidding and aloof. The private man known to his friends and to so many of his dergy was different. Deeply pastoral, his care for his clergy was very real though he could not abide humbug and false pretentions which may perhaps have alienated him from some. Intensely musical, he had a lifelong affection for Gilbert & Sullivan and was a frequent attender at the concerts in the Albert Hall

When he left London he spent a year setting up a new constitution for the diocese of Bermuda before retiring finally to Cerne Abbas. There he was in great demand and preached at many functions.

He is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters.

CHARLIE SMART

Charlie Smart, banjo player, died on September 30 aged 53 following a heart attack. He was born on January 23, 1939.

CHARLIE Smart was one of the last of the great old-style banjo virtuosi and his prowess on the instrument matched his immense clubability and laconic north-country sense of

His natural talent on both tenor and G banjos, combined from an early age with solid minon, made him a formidable contender at many a national banjo competition.

In complete contrast to to-day's wearing electronic, mi-cro-tonic trance-noise, he rather preferred to transfix the listener with dazzling items such as the William Tell Overture and his prime inspiration was the American banjoist and multi-instrument-alist, Eddie Peabody.

into the 1960s he worked with the celebrated Trois and his Banjoliers, took to the road home and abroad with the Back-O'-Town Syncopators, and was heard to great effect within the ranks of Spencer's Washboard Kings (with whom he recorded in 1968), notably at the Dixieland Bar of the central pier, Blackpool. By this time he had taught

his younger brother Leslie,

very lean time over the last From the late 1950s and decade or so, which often led to his abandoning the banjo for taxi driving, although he revived the Banjo Kings on an occasional basis and also per-formed spasmodically with groups showcased at The Malt Shovels, an Altrincham jazz

pub. He was attracted to the Herefordshire and Derbyshire countrysides and had a fondness for certain aspects of Scotland - the whisky in particular.

and together they went out as The Banjo Kings between

libations. For much of the

1970s there were concerts,

festivals, broadcasts and tours

in cabaret with the Vintage

Syncopators.
Charlie Smart had had a



Gert Bastian, the former Bundeswehr general who was found dead with his companion Petra Kelly, counder of the German Green Party, at their Bonn home on October 12 aged 69, had, like her, been a deputy in the Bundestag. He was born in Munich on March 26, 1923.

THE recruitment of such a figure as Major-General Gert Bastian to the ranks of the Greens in the wake of his dismissal from the German army in 1980 added a quite unlooked-for species of authority to the party's cause. He was not a man with a long history of bellyaching and self doubt, but a disciplined senior officer who had commanded Panner forces against both the Russians and the Americans in the second world war. His appearance in the van of Green activity natural. Petra Kelly survived this parting of Wirzburg. Welcoming a thousand officers in the mess, nothing might probrium of his old army colected as a magnet to many who the political ways, and they renew recruits to his division, he have become of them, or of Bastian. leagues for whom he was a traitor developed nations of the world.

were not convinced that there was not something slightly irresponsible about the party or who were still suspicious that it represented communist subversion. To bear a high-ranking Nato officer exposing the apparent fallacies in the alliance's defence policy stilled many doubts.

His subsequent election to the Bundestag gilded this lily, while his. taking up appointment as the Greens' representative on the par-liamentary defence committee gave the party a respectability which it could hardly have looked for (and which many of its members could not stomach). This honeymoon was short. Within a year Bastian had left the Greens to sit as an independent, claiming that the party's policies were too one sided and anti-American to be plausible. However, his relationship with

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mained devoted to each other. Gert Bastian had been a soldier from his earliest youth. He had volunteered for the Wehrmacht at the age of 16 and after training was sent to the Russian front. He was wounded twice before being transferred to the Western front. By 1945 he was commanding a company in an armoured pioneer

battalion.

Returning to Munich after the war, he joined the conservative Christian Social Union (CSU) while working a bookbinder's apprenticeship. But his heart remained very much with military matters and the formation of the Bundeswehr in 1956 gave him a chance to continue his army career. He rose rapidly and was promoted major-general in 1976 and given command of the 12th Panzer Division at Veitshöchheim near

land with honour and obedience. It was not long before he was thinking rather differently. As the deployment of a new generation of American medium-range missiles on German soil was mooted in the wake of the Soviet installation of the SS-20, he came to feel that Germany would become the atom-ic battlefield and its extinction would be the price of halting any Warsaw pact invasion. He felt that his fellow officers were blind to this,

exhorted them to serve their father-

withstand a conventional attack without need to resort to the "flexible response". He doubted, too, that the USSR truly wanted to export Marxist-Leninist revolution. Had these doubts remained a matter of exchanges between fellow

mesmerised by the apparently deci-

sive capabilities of the new weap-

ons, and that, anyway, Nato could

But when he voiced them on a and a communist. But for Bastian, platform at a meeting of young socialists in March 1979 they received extensive press coverage. His resignation was demanded but the defence minister stood by him. Bastian next sent him a memorandum criticising the proposed deployment of the missiles. The memo was leaked and in the ensuing furore he was compelled to

anti-nuclear campaigners and soon met Petra Kelly whose influence on him was to be profound and enduring. They drew up a joint appeal to the German government not to deploy the missiles and it was eventually signed by two million people. Exchanging his army uniform for the sunflower badge of the Greens, he appeared with her on public platforms, drawing the op-

Bastian got in touch with other

what had begun as a professional and military disagreement on policy was now an ideological position from which there was no retreat.

The apogee of his — and the Greens' — fortunes was the election of 28 of their number to the Bundestag in the German elections of 1983. But the divisions which soon after rent the party tested his loyalty — and his sense of justice beyond the limits. Thereafter he became more and more disillusioned with the party, though continuing to share Kelly's intense faith in the rectifude of its original ideals.

The manner of their deaths - it appears that he shot her and then killed himself — is tragic, but it cannot eclipse their share in an achievement that has made Germany the standard bearer for

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(b) The action of seeking for or longing after, appetite, desire, from the Latin appetare to seek urgently: "To love, and in the appetence of love/To deem thyself beloved." APPTENCE

(c) That formerly was or once existed, hence the former holder of some office, one who has been deposed or ejected, from the Latin quondum meaning formerly. I see the same to OLIONDAM formerly: "I see thy quouden friend./ Hath come to say his hopes are at an end." Shakespeare LLL: "I did converse this quouden day with a companion of the biners."

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The annual meeting of the Roads Beautifying Association was held yesterday at the Royal Horticultural Society's Hall, Vincent-square. Lord Clinton presided.

A letter was read from Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Transport, who wrote-"Roads are something more than utilitarian reacts are sometaing more train iminarian traffic channels. They afford the principal variage points from which the ordinary chizen surveys the countryside. Tourists are apt to judge the beauty of England by what they see from the highway. The care of the roadside is therefore no mere aesthetic whim. The smilt and written of the roadside is the resultation of the resultation. The credit and reputation of our country are at stake, and we cannot afford to belittle the charm of gress verges, strips of common land, hedgenows, wayside trees, and flowering

The CHAIRMAN said the country might have been spared the blatant vulgarities of modern methods of advertising. During the year the association had had so complain of acts of vandalism, such as the defacement of tables and the destruction of trees. Some county authorities were dealing with this mouble very effectively, but in the long run they must trust to education and the force of public opinion. It would be exceedingly

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Schemes to make motorways and main roads less bleak by planting trees and shrubs seem a modern idea, but, over 60 years ago, the Roads Beautifying Associ-

ation was doing exactly the same thing. unfortunate if there should be a continual spoiling of these country districts, not only by great roads but by ribbon development, the substitution of ugly concrete viaducts for beautiful old bridges, and, perhaps most of all, by the use of ugly materials for public buildings.

DR. WILFRID FOX, hon, secretary of the association, gave details of the work that had been done during the past year. The purchase of Denham woodland, in Buckinghamshire. had been one of their most absorbing activities, and it was hoped that the scheme of planting on the North Orbital mad between

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Denham and the Herifordshire boundary would be completed this winter. An island site on the Southend road, in the east of London, had been planted with trees and shrubs. The Harrietsham by-pass was being planted as a memorial to the late Sir John Cockburn, and a scheme had been sent to the Colchester Borough Council for the planting of the whole of the Colchester by-pass. The association was helping to raise money for a supply of trees to plant along the Sidcup by-pass, the Kent Council having undertaken to do the actual planting and to be responsible for the aftercare. In connexion with the Dorking by-pass, the association was able to assist the Surrey County Council in preserving many of the trees and thododendrons. The Surrey County Council had also asked the association to draw up a planting scheme for the Guildford-Godahning by-pass, and it had been suggested that the whole of the road should be planted with trees and shrubs that would be at their maximum beauty during the autumn.
The Liverpool-East Lancashire road had been inspected by Mr. Bean for the Lancashire County Council, and a scheme drawn up covering 25 miles, a good deal of which went through smoky country, so that the scheme should prove a great factor in ameliorating the surroundings of these Lancashire towns.

THE TIMES TODAY

Further hope for doomed pits

■ MICHAEL Heseltine rallied Conservative MPs last night by promising that his enquiry into pit closures could save some threatened collieries and even lead to changes in the structure of the privatised electricity industry. His performance virtually snuffed out the last flames of Tory rebellion.

The president of the board of trade, humiliated on Monday by having to make a U-turn on a policy announced six days before, completed his climbdown with assurances that his review of 21 pits would be genuinePage I

IRA bomb hits commuter rail line

Road and rail traffic in north London was disrupted last night after an IRA bomb exploded on a bridge over the North Circular road close to Silver Street station, Edmonton, leaving three passengers with minor injuries...

Street solidarity

Once unthinkable bonds were forged in London yesterday between miners and those they once perceived as their implacable class enemies. Company directors, lawyers and City workers swelled their ranks as tens of thousands of pitmen marched to Westminster_ . Page 3

Aspinall loses

John Aspinall, the club-owner, was ordered to pay £160,000 costs after failing to block the issue of a gaming licence to a rival casino company. He said: "I have just lost a large hand of baccarat. Everything in life is a gamble" Page 5

Choppers chapped

Royal Air Force helicopters involved in some of the most famous search and rescue missions around Britain are to be withdrawn from four bases between by mid-1996. Archie Hamilton. the armed forces minister, made the announcement after a long Page 6

Across the wall

The Queen set foot in the former Soviet empire for the first time when she visited East Berlin. She told her hosts: "We must remember the sacrifice of those men and women who, in the dark years, died in their quest for liberty"

Docklands gloom

Docklands developers are being forced to the wall by the high cost of empty offices and flats. Poor

transport and over-emphasis on expensive property continue to dog the housing market. Page 8

Britons under fire Fierce fighting between Muslims and Croats in Vitez, the

Bosnian town chosen as Britain's battle group headquarters, could force a re-think in London. Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, said that he had called for a report on the lighting on Tuesday, when British soldiers

Sailing away Paddling small boats, rafts and inner tubes, more than 1,000

Cubans have fled President Castro's rule in the past two months by crossing the treacherous Florida straits. Others have defected on overseas trips by giving state security "minders" the slip. The rise in the rate of the exodus reflects the collapse of living conditions.... Page 14

Worlds apart

Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, spent six hours yesterday in tough talks with Chinese leaders over the future of the territory and agreed there was no meeting of minds....... Page 15

Reform in doubt

The Russian parliament yesterday rejected President Yeltsin's request for a postponement of the country's highest decisionmaking body, the Congress of People's Deputies, paving the way for a confrontation with hardliners over the fate of

Pipped at the post by Poorly Pound

The sterling crisis has taken its toll of another beleaguered ndustry, with the loss to Japan of this year's Derby winner. Dr Devious has been exported for \$6 million despite efforts by the National Stud to keep the classic winner for stallion duties. Increased offers by the stud were undercut by the 20 per cent decline in the dollar value of the pound....... Page 1



England expects: Nelson's signal is raised from the deck of HMS Victory to commemorate the battle of Trafalgar in 1805

Comforting crumb: A surprise rise in retail sales in September, despite all the political and market turmoil, provided the government with a crumb of comfort. The City had been expecting a small decline in sales and Norman Lamont was quick to claim that sales were on a "clear upward trend"....... Page 25 Banking blast: The Chancellor, is

expected to unveil the Bingham report this afternoon into the Bank of England's handling of the BCCI collpase. Strong criticism of the Page 25 Bank is expected Markets: The pound's trade-

weighted index fell 0.3 to 79.7 yesterday as sterling dipped almost two pfennigs against the mark to DM2,4306. Against the dollar the pound fell by 0.12 cents to \$1.6145. The FT-SE rose 28.7

Third best: Jim Galvin, Munster's

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ticularly small enterprises, looking for finance in a difficult climate are turning increasingly to factoring. the system whereby they sell their debts slightly discounted to a finance company Pages 34, 35

Red Thundercloud was in to Edinburgh to spin yarns for children about the secrets of his Catawha tribe handed down from Blue Moccasin

Tonight's choice

Joan Turner, 1950s comedienne turned drunk turned Brookside star, is the subject of BBC 2's Present Imperfect Listings, Page 47

At long last

The government has at last accepted what has been blindingly apparent for months. The problem with the economy is lack of growth, not inflation. This U-turn should be welcomed, not derided. John Major has finally acknowledged that the government does have the responsibility for creating the conditions for a recovery Page 21

Braze on, Hussey

This is a generation that believes that youth is the wisest as well as the best time, and that obsolescence follows shortly after adolescence. It is wrong. When Mr Hussey is due to retire in 1996, he will be only 73. At that virile age Sophocies was just getting into his stride ____ Page 21

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PHILIP HOWARD

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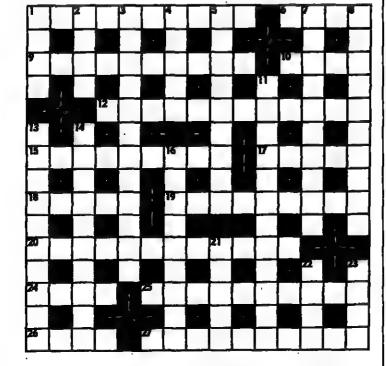
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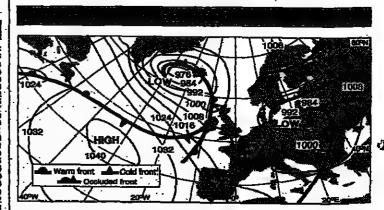
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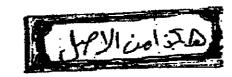


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Retail figures surprise with 0.2% rise

High street sales show a ray of light

By COLIN NARBROUGH

A SURPRISE rise in retail sales in September, despite all the political and market turmoil, provided the gov-ernment with a measure of encouragement about the economy to accompany its

new strategy for growth.

The City had expected a small decline in sales, reflectlargest building society, announced the sudden ing the fall in consumer confidence reported in recent surveys. But figures published vesterday showed a seasonally adjusted 0.2 per cent increase in volume sales compared with August. The August rise TRUST TAURUS was revised up to 1 per cent. The year-on-year rise in Sep-tember was 1.5 per cent in terms of volume and 3 per cent

in terms of value. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, said sales were on a "clear upward trend". He pointed out that in the three months to September, sales were 0.6 per cent higher than in the previous three months. This took sales to their highest evel since the first half of 1990, before the recession.

Mr Lamont said the imsovement in sales had taken mid-September would provide

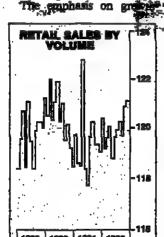
But City economists were vary about reading lasting recovery into the rise in retail sales, which was thought to reflect heavy discounting, which retailers will be hard pressed to continue. Furthermore, it is feared that the collapse of economic policy in mid-September and the political troubles that followed have damaged consumer

The British Retail Consortium said the September in-crease was "reasonably satisfactory", but that virtually economic doom and gloom, business in the high street rose

all the gains came in the first two and half weeks, slumping 16 — Black Wednesday. James May, the BRC director general, said further interest rate cuts were needed.

A spokesnan for John Lewis, the department store and food retailing group said sales were promising in August and early September, but had clearly dipped in the formight after Black Wednesday. Some im-provement had, however, been again been registered at the beginning of this month. he said.

The latest three-month figure was flattered by the strong August rise, suggesting a weaker underlying trend. The latest figures on the construction industry showed a 5 per cent rise in new orders in the three months to August. Year-



money market expectations of three-month interbank rate dropped to a 73/s per cent low, but closed at 713/16 per cent. The pound fell overnight, but steadied above DM2.44, only to ease to DM 2.4306 by the 4pm close, down more than 2 plennigs from Tuesday. On the stock market, the FT-SE

100 rose 28.7 to 2,645.7. The Bundesbank nudged a key money market rate lower, setting off a wave of easing set for the bank's variable rate repo funds was 8.75 per cent, down 15 basis points from the fixed 8.90 per cent offered

Reimut Jochimsen, a hardline member of the Bundesbank directorate, gave. warning that expectations of going one way were exaggerated. He said the drend to lower rates could quickly change if the German mark were to weaken sharply.
But German money supply

data, which have been a source of concern for the Bundesbank, turned out better than expected in Septem-ber. The broad money measure, M3, rose 9.1 per basis, up from 8.8 per cent in August. Forecasters had expected it to be well above 10 per cent. Importantly, Bank lending growth slowed to from 10.9 per cent in August to 9.5 per cent in September.

Meanwhile, Verdict, the specialist market researcher, says retailers will hold inflation in the high street at below 4 per cent over the next 12 months and absorb higher costs rather than pass them on to consumers, so allowing further interest rate cuts without a surge in inflation.

New captains: Allan Gormly, chief executive, left, and Alan Clements, chairman, head the Trafalgar board

Change on deck at Trafalgar

HONGKONG Land has been forced to settle for one seat on the board of Trafalgar Land in the hope it will win further representation after

the group publishes its annual report in December.

Training yesterday con-firmed the details of its management changes and appointed Rodney Leach, a Hongkong Land director, and Sir Archibald Forster, the chairman of Esso UK, as nonexecutive directors.

Hongkong Land agreed to the terms to give the new management time to clarify the group's financial position. The company chose Mr Leach as its representative for his corporate finance experience.

Trafalgar said the group plans to appoint more non-executives "in due course" and Hongkong Land expects these to include at least one more of its nominees. Hongkong Land is expected to continue buying Trafalgar shares in the market to lift its stake to 29.9 per cent stake.

Sir Charles Powell, Hongkong Land's other nominee for a seat on Trafalgar's board, said yesterday: "We are going in there positively to support and help in any way we can."

Allan Gormly, Trafalgar's new chief executive, yesterday said that the group had no imminent plans for asset disposals and that he was com-

fortable with the level of debts.

He said Trafalgar would not sell its hotels unless it received an acceptable price. Alan Clements, the former finance director of ICI, is Trafalgar's caretaker chairman and will help search for a

BCCI report to criticise Bank

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

sank of Creon and merce International, which is due to be published this afternoon, will include heavy criticism of the Bank of England and its handling of the affair.

Norman Lamout, the Chancellor, will unveil Lord Justice Bingham's report in a statement to the House of Commons at 4pm. The 220-page report will be released simultaneously.

An hour earlier, the Luxembourg district court is expected

THE Bingham report on the regulation and closure of the billion compensation scheme of the bank's largest loans a detween louche k BCCI's liquidators, and the Abu Dhabi government, the bank's majority shareholder.

Lord Justice Bingham has questioned why the Bank of England did not take action earlier to discover the extent of fraud and losses at the bank, closed in July last year. Massive losses in BCCI's

treasury operations were identified as long ago as 1986, while two reports by Price Waterhouse, BCCI's auditors,

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were enther irregula erable or ficticious. The Bank of England, how-

ever, felt it did not have the evidence it needed to close BCCI until it received a full report from PW, detailing the extent of the fraud. Lord Justice Bingham has

also attacked the Bank's decision to establish a college of regulators to monitor BCCI in 1987; that created a new system of international regula-tion to deal with the bank.

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

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ray over pit closures as "a monumental cock-up, putting

that the government does not have a clear set of priorities," he said. If the government was to succeed in restoring economic confidence, it would have to say whether it accepts

the business priorities, and is prepared to meet them". Sir Michael revealed that the employers' organisation is to ask members whether they would support a policy switch

Bank of England. He said Sir David Lees. nomic committee, and coincidentally a member of the Court of the Bank of England,

chairman of the CBI's ecois pressing the case for an independent central bank in the wake of the mishandled devaluation of sterling last

Sir Michael was speaking after the monthly meeting of the CBI council, where many members expressed equally scathing criticism of Earlier, Sir Denys Hender-

son, the chairman of ICI, had excoriated the government's handling of the economy. He, too, called for measures to revive the economy and demanded "a better, continuing dialogue with government than has been the case for

some years now". The calls for effective consultation were echoed by Neil Johnson, direc-

Industrial leaders appear determined to exploit the government's disarray to press their prescriptions for new industrial and economic

Detailed CBI proposals for a new industrial strategy will be unveiled at the organisation's national conference in Harrogate, Yorkshire, on

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CBI urges further rate cut

THE Confederation of British In favour of an independent Industry has called for a further cut in interest rates of up to two points and an urgent clarification of the government's new industrial policy. Attacking ministers' disar-

it mildly", Sir Michael Angus, the CBI president, said he hoped the government would now pay more attention to industry's views. "It is increasingly clear to us

tor-general of the Engineering Employers' Federation.

Sir Michael called on the government to ensure that any public-sector pay increases were financed out of productivity. Cuts in government infrastructure investment or training should be avoided at

all costs, he said.

Kiss of life urged, page 30 permanent replacement.

Wilkinson is again put to the sword

By COLIN CAMPBELL

EEMLAND Holdings, the Dutch group. is finally sheathing its sword...its Wilkinson Sword to be precise — maker of razors, blades and those real swords that military officers bear — which it has put up for sale. The irony of the decision is Wilkinson Sword only recently launched a new product, the Protector system razor, which has been so successful that the company needs additional

capital to keep up with demand. But Wilkinson Sword's main Swedish shareholders, strapped by their own fi-nancial needs because of Sweden's depressed economy, are unwilling to put up more capital. It will be the fifth time in nine years Wilkinson Sword changes hands. The price tag is likely to about \$300 million for a 200-year-old business that hand-manufactures 2,500 swords a year, and has a large slice of the international market for blades. In Western

Europe alone, the wet shaving market requires 2.7 billion shaving blades a year. Another frony is Gillette, the razor and blades manufacturer, based in America, is a 22 per cent non-voting Eemland shareholder. But its stake has been under constant scrutiny by various cartel authorities since Gillette first acquired its interest in December, 1989.

In January, 1990, the US Justice Department sought an injunction against Gillette's 22 per cent purchase on the grounds that it might substantially lessen competition. In March, 1991, the British government accepted the findings of a Monopolies and Mergers Commission report that said the rela-tionship could be expected to operate against the public interest. In January this year, the European Commission looked at the deal, and three months ago the German cartel office ordered Gillettte to dispose of its Eemland stake. Gillette must long ago have wondered if the gods were against it, and though Eemland's intended sale of Wilkinson Sword might extricate it from this particular sword dance, its appearance before various regulatory bodies is not over yet. Earlier this month, Gillette was told its proposed £285 million purchase of Parker Pen was to be referred to the MMC, because it raised competition concerns in the supply of refillable writing instruments and refills. Gillette owns Paper Mate and Waterman, the pen makers.

Wilkinson Sword employs 1,000 people, of whom 300 work in Britain, and has manufacturing plants in Germany and Britain. Turnover in 1991 was DM316.3 million and operating profits were DM46.8 million. The group is notably strong in Germany, while in Britain its sword making business turns out ceremonial and military swords at prices that range between £180 and £5,000.

Pressure builds for approval of Jubilee extension

By Jon Ashworth

HOPES for the Jubilee Line extension rose yesterday as bankers and Canary Wharf administrators stepped up efforts to persuade the government to approve the project. London Underground has

promised to move up to 2,000 staff to Canary Wharf if the government agrees to build the new line. Bankers had agreed to contribute £180 million to the cost of the project if ministers in turn relocated 2,500 civil servants

to Docklands. A commitment by London Underground would provide income to fund the private-sector contribution to the £1.6 billion line, ending the dead-lock with Whitehall. The government is expected to make an announcement on the fate of the project soon.

Steps to relocate about 2,000 engineering staff to 30 The South Colonnade, which has 270,000 square feet of available space, could begin early next year, when several

Steps to relocate 2,000 engineering staff to Canary Wharf may begin early next year

short-term leases on London Underground properties come up for renewal.

London Underground has a policy of housing staff close to its own network and would not agree to a deal that did not include the Jubilee Line extension. Administrators to Canary Wharf, led by Stephen Adamson of Ernst & Young. are believed to have offered attractive incentives to persuade London Underground to choose the Docklands site. Sources confirm that the deal would make "good commercial sense".

A decision to move to Canary Wharf would free premises in west Kensington

to be used as a training centre London Underground had been planning to build a vocational training centre at Acton, west London, to replace an aging facility at White City. Cancelling the project would save several million pounds.

This month, Texaco, the American oil group, announced plans to move 1,000 staff to Canary Wharf early next year. This was almost the first piece of good news the development had received since it went into administration in May, but there was a price. Texaco's option to buy 230,000 square feet at 1 Westferry Circus, Canary Wharf, can be triggered after ten years quite cheaply, for £30

Other prospective tenants have backed away. American Express recently confirmed that it was not moving its head office to Canary Wharf. Manufacturers Hanover, the investment bank, also reversed a



Pot luck: Paul van Zuydam expects UK sales growth

Le Creuset ahead at half time

By PHILIP PANGALOS.

LE CREUSET continued to buck recession with a 4.2 per cent rise in first-half profits. but recent falls in sterling and the dollar might squeeze full-

year earnings growth.
Improved trading margins, following heavy investment in automation to reduce costs. helped pre-tax profits at the up-market French cookware and tableware group climb to £1.15 million in the six months to June 30, despite a £316,000 charge relating to

redundancy costs.

The USM-quoted company saw sales advance by 15.3 per cent to £17.8 million, boosted by a full contribution from Screwpull, a confescrew and wine accessories business.

Paul van Zuydam, the chair-man, said Britain. France and America were the main markets, Japan also made a "satisfactory" contribution to sales. The United Kingdom has been showing a lot of resilience and we expect further growth in the second half,"

Mr van Zuydam said. Earnings edged up to 4.6p a share, against 4.4p last time. As usual, the company is not paying an interim dividend. The shares firmed 1p to 281p.

Isle of Man will pay £4.5m compensation

MANX MPs voted almost unanimously to pay £4.5 million compensation to people who lost money in the 1982 collapse of the Isie of Man Savings and investment Bank (SIB). Miles Walker, the chief minister, told Tynwald, the island's parliament, that the Manx government bore no legal liability. But there was responsibility, as shown in the Chadwick report, for lack of supervision of the SIB at the time of the collapse.

The government scheme, framed to benefit small individual depositors and passed by 30 votes to three after a two-hour debate, would meet 50 per cent of losses to a maximum of £5,000 and add to the 27.5 per cent dividend the savers had already received from the bank's liquidation.

Chesterfield improves

CHESTERFIELD Properties yesterday reported improved interim profits for the first half of 1992, but is cutting its interim dividend by half. Pre-tax profits in the six months to end-June rose from £2.37 million to £3.39 million, largely thanks to an improvement in rental income. However, the interim dividend has been from 7p to 3.5p a share, and the directors warn shareholders that "dividend policy will be reviewed again at the time of the final dividend, when the prospects for interest rates may have become clearer".

Film firm lifts dividend

BRITISH & American Film Holdings, the investment company and film library owner, is raising its dividend 12.6 per cent to 3.8p and intends to maintain a similar rate of increase in the final payout. That comes despite a 13.5 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £596.627 in the six months to end-June. There was a fall in revenue from the distribution of films produced by subsidiaries and from investments in theatrical productions. Turnover fell by 25.7 per cent to £77,531. Earnings slip to 16-21p (18.58p).

Wensum cuts payout

WENSUM Company, the designer of corporate clothing and menswear, is cutting its interim dividend to 0.575p (1.15p) a share after slipping into the red at the half year stage. The USM company suffered a pre-tax loss of £46,000 in the six months to end-July, against a profit of £332,000 last time. Poor demand in the high street and the loss of an interior accounts and the loss of an interior accounts. important customer contributed to a decline in turnover to £2.83 million (£4.18 million). There is an 0.43p loss per share (2.97p earnings).

Pressure still on pay

ENGINEERS' wage settlements fell to an average 3.1 per cent last month as the recession kept up pressure on pay. The September figure from the Engineering Employers Federation, which covers 34 employers, compares with the 3.6 per cent September retail price figure. The EEF reported 196 pay settlements in the three months from July to September, covering 20,998 employees. The average settlement level for the three month period is 3.35 per cent. There were no settlements above 6 per cent.

Lerose earnings dive

HOUSE of Lerose, a womenswear designer, blamed poor demand for its branded clothes in Britain and the Netherlands for a collanse in pre-tax profits from \$425,000 to £51,000 in the six months to June 30. There is an unchanged interim dividend of 3p, which is uncovered by earnings of 0.6p a share. Turnover fell from £7.8 million to £6.5 million. The company said it was concennating on designing and marketing clothes, though the benefit would not be felt until later next year.

EC threatens Italy

THE European Commission is threatening Italy with legal action unless it lifts restrictions on trading rights of foreign stockbrokers and banks. Italian law requires companies trading on the Milan stock exchange to be incorporated in Italy. This contravenes an EC directive. Leon Brittan, the competition commissioner, has written to the Italian government saying it would be referred to the European Court unless it produced evidence within two months that it had taken steps to repeal the law.

MSR drops option on **Emerald**

MIDLAND and Scottish Resources, the oil production and ervices group, wili not exercise an option to acquire the Emerald Producer rig because it is unable to secure the required bank guarantees.

A subsidiary of MSR was granted an option by Trafal-gar House, owner of the rig. to acquire the production facility. now employed in the Emerald field in the North Sea under charter, for £120 million. Instead EFCL, the subsidiary, will continue to charter the rig at \$65,000 a day for the life of the Emerald field.

Emerald Producer was at the centre of a long dispute between MSR and Davy Corporation, the contractor building the rig. The rig was delivered to MSR more than 16 months behind schedule and Davy, crippled by cost overruns, succumbed to a bid by Trafalgar House.

MSR reported pre-tax losses down from £3 million to £1.9 million for the six months to end-June; resulting in a loss of 0.93p a share (1.3p loss). There is again no dividend.

Recession boosts Alexandra

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ALEXANDRA Workwear, Europe's largest supplier of work and protective clothing, bounced back into the black, it benefited from a tendency by recession-hit businesses to regard work uniforms as a cheap way to brighten their

images.

The company made a pre-tax profit of £672,000 in the 28 weeks to August 15, compared with a £247,000 loss last time. A 2 per cent erosion of margins, caused by higher costs, was largely responsible for a 32.7 per cent fall in trading profit to £1.76 million. John Prior, the chief executive, said borrowings had been cut by £2.6 million to £13.5 million and gearing was down to 62 per cent (73 per cent). Stock levels were cut by 8 per

cent. Year-end gearing is ex-pected to be below 50 per cent. Mr Prior remains cautiously optimistic on prospects. even without any upturn in activity. The interim dividend is held at 1.8p, though the company had to dip into reserves to maintain it. The shares firmed 2p to 73p.

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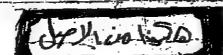
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Director quits Halifax as his job 'disappears'

The sudden departure of a possible successor to Jim Birrell as chief executive of the Halifax adds to the uncertainty that has swept through the building society industry at the highest level

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

week, Nationwide Building Society announced that it had

made John Hutchinson, its

corporate strategy director, re-dundant. He lost his job three

days after being relocated in

Scott Durward left the society

John Wriglesworth, an analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, said that Mr Whitehouse was

probably the favourite among

the internal candidates to succeed Mr Birrell. "He was a

bit bluff and a bit sharp at

times," he added. The other

internal candidates at the

Halifax are Gren Folwell.

finance director, and Derek raylor, managing director of

An announcement is likely to be made in the new year and building society observers

now expect the society to choose an outsider for the first time. Industry frontrumers are Mike Blackburn, chief

executive of the Leeds Perma-

nent, fifth-largest society. He has banking experience and is a high profile and sometimes blunt leader. Andrew Long.

hurst, chief executive of the

Cheltenham & Gloucester,

and the best paid building

society head despite running

frontrunner. Peter Robinson

number two at the Woolwich. might also be considered. If the Halifax still harbours embitions to follow Abbey

National to become a public company, then a chief execu-

tive from an existing pic would be a likely candidate.

Brian Pearse, chief executive at Midland Bank, is a possible

candidate although analysts

say someone from the retail

chairman, is expected to play a

sector would be better. Jon Foulds, the Halifax

also regarded as

Halifax Estate Agencies.

earlier this year.

The Alliance & Leicester is also without an operations director. Peter White was promoted to chief executive when

THE Halifax Building Society announced yesterday that Mike Whitehouse, its operations director, has resigned. As late as last month, he had been on the internal short list to take over as chief executive when Jim Birrell retires next

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August. Mr Whitehouse, number two at the largest society, will leave "within days" and has already resigned from the board. Mr Burrell is taking responsibility for the operation of the building society. Mr

More cases examined by Lautro

BY OUR MONEY EDITOR

THE Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) has more cases going through its disciplinary process than at any time in its

Barry Sheriock, chairman of the regulator, says in his annual report that its first priority in such cases must be to put things right for investors and to correct faults within

members operations. In July, Scottish Widows was required by Lauro to carry out an examination of all the policies sold by its tied agents over the past four years. This followed an inspection that showed that insufficient information was detailed about investors on fact finds. If the wrong policies were sold to will have to put them back in the position they would have

been in had they not invested. Mr Sherlock said: "We do not normally have difficulty in ensuring that members do what is necessary to put things right and in getting their internal operations straight. In some cases, the offence may be such that disciplinary ac-tion is also necessary but that is the second priority and

comes later." Three companies have been fined this year by Lautro. Previously, the regulator could



Healthy package: Harold Evans, chairman of Boxmore International, the Northern Ireland packaging company, after announcing a 22.6 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £2.05

million in the half year to end-June. Shares in the USM-quoted group rose 13p to 190p on the news. Turnover, boosted by acquisition, grew by 56.1 per cent to £15.8 million. Earnings rse

to 7.3p a share, up from 6.2p last time. The interim dividend is being increased to 1.15p a share, against 1.075p a share last time Boxmore had 64 6 million net cash at end-June

Brittan moves on cheaper European telephone calls

pean Community competition commissioner, took a tentative step towards liberalising Europe's booming telecommunications market yesterday and appealed for the industry's operators and users to press for further deregulation.

The European Commission yesterday agreed a report, on the pricing of telephone calls, which suggests international calls between EC states should be open to competition. Even this modest proposal was de-layed until after the French referendum on the Maastricht treaty and will be fought by several governments led by France and France Telecom, its aggressive national tele-

phone company. But businesses which spend huge sums on telecommunications services have sent a letter through the International Telecommunications Users Group (Intug), their trade association, to Jaques Delors, president of the European Commission, urging faster progress in liberalising the sector. European businesses, In-tug claims, will be left behind

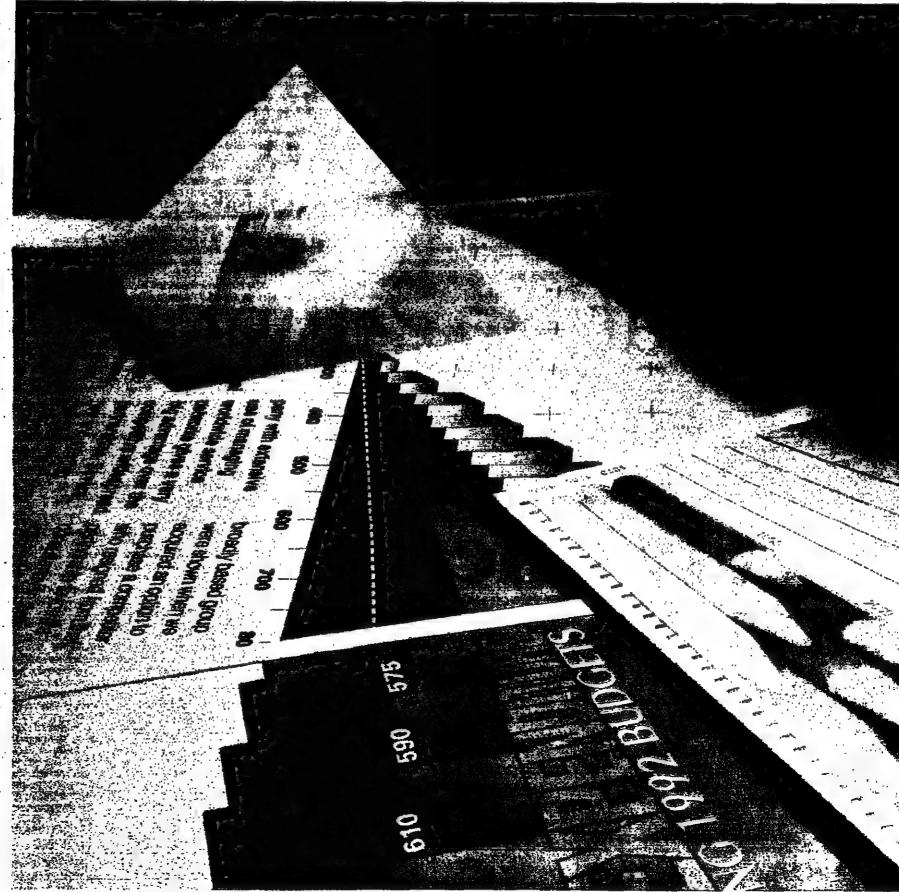
SIR Leon Brittan, the Euro- their US and Japanese counterparts unless charges are driven down by competition. Intug is particularly concerned at delays in the telecom's services because the commission's liberalising trans-border telecoms does not infringe the

> "Lack of action can only be explained in terms of protection of sectorial interests, contrary to the spirit of the Treaties of Rome and Maastricht," the letter reads.

Outside the UK, state owned telephone operators in Europe have a monopoly over telephone service both within their own markets and for international calls. The result that calls made across Europe are significantly higher than calls made over similar distances in America, where competition was introduced in the early 1980s.

If accepted, the European Commission's plan would give BT the right to run voice services from any other member state within the European

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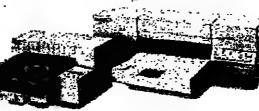
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Smiths Industries offers happy returns

SMITHS Industries has ready answers for those who might question the holding of £120.1 million of net cash as at August 1. and who might ask why it is not paid back to shareholders.

shareholders.
Roger Hurn, chairman and chief executive, would argue that Smiths makes good returns for shareholders, citing £13.8 million of net interest received in the year, that cash holdings are useful aramunition for acquisitions; and that Smiths is acquisition minded.

The group in any case, already pursues a progressive dividend policy, a claim he can justify by pointing at the 1992 final dividend that rises from 6.8p to 7.15p a share, making 11.25p (10.7p) a share for the year.

In a year when life was not easy for aerospace and industrial activities, but was a happier one for medical systems. Smiths achieved pre-tax profits of £102.2 million. compared with a re-stated £109.8 million earned in 1991. Profit margins were maintained at 14 per cent. and although net earnings slipped from 25.2p to 23.3p a share, cover remains a respectable 2.1 times.

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Defence and civil aerospace
activities have clouds of uncertainty overhanging pros-

pects, but it is beginning to look as though the rate of profit deterioration is slowing. Most of the £5.1 million (£9.7 million) exceptional charge related to the aero-space division in 1992. Meanwhile, orders are coming through for the Boeing 777.

Within the industrial division. Smiths achieved margins of 14 per cent. and all businesss generated cash. The star performer was medical systems, and two acquisitions made for a total £80 million towards year-end should help to lift both sales and profits even higher at the profit wars.

Shares were 21p higher at 329p yesterday, helped by reaffirmation of a progressive dividend policy. Profit hopes this year are for £106 million pre-tax, which would put the shares on 13.6 times prospective earnings. They are well worth holding.

Rank Organisation

ONCE Rank Organisation shares had hit a five-year low in early September there was only one direction for them to go, and Black Wednesday and the falling pound was the market's excuse to send them



Question time: Roger Hurn, head of Smiths Industries

that way — no matter that Rank, widely perceived as a dollar earner, has 60 per cent of its debt in dollars and interest payments that almost exactly balance earnings from some decidedly sick businesses in America. This misconception has sent Rank shares

rebounding from 451p early last month to 547p, 39p of that in the past two days. Debts were £989 million at the half-year stage and have been reduced by almost £50 million since then by asset sales. Rank has also had the benefit of seasonal inflow

from businesses such as Butlins, although the headline figure when the balance sheet is ruled off at the October 31 year-end will clearly be swollen by the rise in the value of dollar.

Michael Gifford, the chief executive, is doing the rounds of City institutions ahead of the year-end, and talk is doubtless turning to the possible £300 million sale of the film side, including the Odeon cinema chain. While Rank is unlikely to turn down such a sum for the business, reports of its imminent sale are more likely to have emanated from an ambitious merchant bank than from the company itself.

Jane Anscombe, of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, has the shares on 13.5 times' this years earnings and 10.9 times' those for 1992-93. Rank has debt facilities of £1.3 billion over five years and is in no imminent danger of bumping its head on that particular ceiling. The shares retain long-term recovery potential.

Wetherspoon

JD Wetherspoon has some excellent pubs to go with its silly name, but the prospectus for the company's flotation is a distinctly sour brew. The float is one of those increas-

ingly popular intermediate offers whereby most of the shares are placed firm and the balance are made available to brokers' private clients. The usual silly money that always chases fun stocks.

The company, which makes its money by converting shops into the sort of old-fashioned pubs that value a fair pint above any number of fruit machines, depends heavily on further conversions for any future growth, as the prospec tus makes clear. But such growth carries with it heavy debts: gearing will fall from 50 to 26 per cent after the £18 million of new money comes in after the float, but will climb back to 50 per cent once those sites taken on with the necessary planning permission are developed.

The core concept of turning derelict high street shops into pubs is a questionable one. JD Wetherspoon is floating on an unexciting 12.9 times historic earnings and on a 20p premium to the 140p net asset value per share. Investors considering applying for shares might note that the wily Scottish & Newcastle group is doing the opposite and selling its entire holding. Watch out.

WORLD MARKETS

Shares flat in early trading on the Dow

New York — Shares were flat in late morning business after an earlier foray into negative territory as investors monitored the Dow Jones industrial average's failure to breach psychological resistance at 3,200. The Dow was little changed at 3,186.83 compared with a session high of 3199.80 and a low of 3,179.81. Among NYSE issues, declining shares barely topped advancing issues on volume of 72 million shares.

Tokyo — Shares closed firmer after a day of lethargic meandering and the Nikkei average ended above 17,000 for the first time since Friday. Futures-linked programs lifted prices near the close, but

rate earnings.

One trader said: "Everybody is just watching, the only trade going on is index-linker activity tied to futures. There seems to be no escape from this sideways movement for a while." The Nikkei average

most investors remained on

the sidelines, edgy about poli-

tics, the economy, and corpo-

ended up 153.86 points, or 0.91 per cent, to 17,141.52, with an estimated 170 million shares traded.

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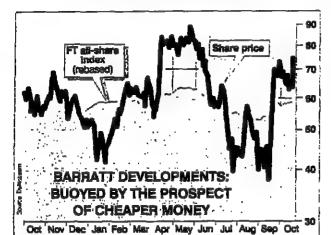
I Frankfurt — A moderate cut in a key German money market rate proved too small to fuel hopes of a near-term cut in leading interest rates, and market participants believed the recent bear market rally had now reached an end.

A 15 basis point cut in the lowest interest rate in this week's securities repurchase tender to 8.75 per cent disap-pointed market hopes for a 40 or 50 point drop. The Dax index ended 7.65 points lower ar 1,503.90, chipping away at strong gains earlier this week. ☐ Hong Kong — Shares are expected to continue consolidating last week's sharp gains in the face of uncertainties concerning the American presidential election and the visit by Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, to Peking, analysis said The Hang Seng Index ended off points 6,088.51. (Reuter)

WALL STREET

Optimistic investors chase prices higher

STOCK MARKET



THERE were plenty of bargains on offer in the retail sector as investors chased prices sharply higher in the belief that another cut in interest rates will provide the economy with a much-needed

Their optimism, and that of the Chancellor, was highlighted by the latest retail sales figures showing an unexpected rise of 0.2 per cent in September, the third consecutive monthly rise. The Chancellor said it indicated a clear upward trend.

There were solid gains for the likes of Argos, 16p to 258p, Burton 3p to 43p, Dixons 13p to 222p, King-fisher 20p to 523p, Marks and Spencer 9p to 337p, Next 34p to 1084p, Sears 3p to 90p, WH Smith A 12p to 466p, Storehouse 5p to 150p, and MFI 8p to 115p. But analysis were expressing seepticism about the Chancellor's

assumption.

Nick Hawkins, retail analyst at Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker, said: "The fact that the September figures were positive did come as a surprise. But indications from the high street more recently indicate that sales have fallen

off sharply."He added that the rise in the level of unemployment meant fewer people were passing through the stores.

"The latest estimate indicates that foot-falls are down by around 3 per cent. That means that those people still with jobs have to spend at least 4 per cent more to make up the leeway", he said. The rest of the equity market

re rest of the equity market extended. Tuesday's gains amid clear indications that market-makers are starting to feel the squeeze of stock shortages. The FT-SE 100 index, up more than 40 points early on, saw its lead cut back after the Bundesbank made an effort to dampen speculation about a cut in German interest rates despite clear signs of an reasing of its monetary policy. The index finished 28.7 higher at 2,645.7, with turnover

reaching 850 million shares.
There were double figure gains among blue chips, but it was easy to see where the stock shortages were occurring, with Bowater up 26p at 883p. Rediand 24p to 347p, BAT Industries 20p to 879p, Ladbroke 11p to 160p and Courtaulds 13p to 473p.

Guinness ended 2p lighter at 527p after Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton gave a presentation in Paris warning that 1993 looked like being a difficult year for sales of champagne and cognac. LVMH and Guinness have cross-boldings in each other.

holdings in each other.

BAA suffered a reversal, losing 22p to 731p after UBS Phillips & Drew said the shares had moved ahead of events. However, Kleinwort Benson remains a buyer. Renters feil 23p to £12.13 ahead of a speech by Peter Job, chief executive, at a world telecommunications seminar in

London later today.

The building industry has also been encouraged by the

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prospect of another imminent cut in interest rates. But analysis still say it could be another two years before the benefits of lower interest charges are reflected in an upturn in building activity. Even so, there were still gains for the like of Barratt Developments, up 9p at 73p. Improvements were also seen in Amec 11p to 75p, Berkeley Group op to 229p, Bryant Group 5p to 84p. Hewden-Smart 4p to 74p, Higgs & Hill 4p to 38p, John Laing A 8p to 178p, YJ Lovell 12p to 11p, Alfred McAlpine 3p to 90p. Macarthy & Stone 5p to 32p. John Mowlem 2p to 56p. Persimmon 4p to 176p, Raine Industries 3p to 79p, Tay Homes 3p to 134p, Taylor Woodrow 7p to 59p. Wilson Connelly 13p to 130p. and George Wimpey 11p to The mark-up also spilled

The mark-up also spilled over into the building suppliers, with rises in Meyer Inter-

BZW is thought to have cut its Tesco pre-tax profit forecast for the year by £10 million to £570 million and for 1993 by £20 million to £620 million. Analysts say Tesco, 1p cheaper at 237p, is not achieving the returns that Sainsbury, 1p firmer at 490p, and Argyll, unchanged at 358p. are.

national 4p to 205p, Phoenix Timber 4p to 25p, Travis Perkins 7p to 131p, Wolseley 10p to 418p, BPB Industries 12p to 157p, Blue Circle Industries 10p to 146p, CRH 16p to 208p, Cape 5p to 173p, Marley 9p to 80p, and Evered Bardon 4p to 30p, Revived bid hopes also lifted Pilkington, the glass manufacturer, 5p to 83p.

The financial sector continued to draw strength from the move towards cheaper money. Barclays rose 11p to 324p, HSBC 10p to 493p, National Westminster 12p to 361p, Abbey National 7p to 326p, and Bank of Scotland 1p to 116p. The exception was Lloyds, which finished 10p lower at 424p, after touching 454p, on talk of a downgrading by Warburg Securities.

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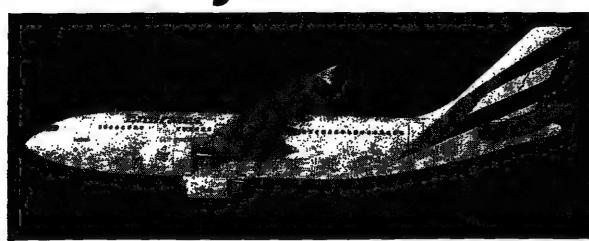
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mark-up across the yield curve in early trading as speculation about a cut in domestic bank base rates also intensified. On the futures market, the long gilt rose above its par value, touching £100¹/16 before settling 12 ticks higher at £99⁷/12 in busy trading which saw 45,000 contrcts completed.

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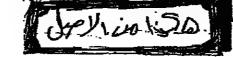
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## Gloom reigns before the dawn

ust as the voices of doom cry loudest and even the government rediscovers the need for output to grow, a few signs are appearing that suggest economic recovery could be starting. Retail sales figures for September, which City economists gloomily expected to show a further fall, in fact showed a slight increase confirming the interest. showed a slight increase, confirming the uptrend found by the CBI's survey. More encouragingly, this now appears to have built up over the third quarter. Key areas such as consumer electrical goods and clothing picked up, the latter helped by early winty weather. This chapter appropriate the high weather. This cheerier economic news from the high street tends to be obscured by the continuing gloom of retailers, who are only managing to sell by cutting their margins and offering consumers a bargain.

Sadly, this emerging up-trend came before the series of body-blows starting with the sterling crisis in the middle of last month, the lack of any forward-looking policy thereafter and the flow of heavy new redundancies, culminating in the British Coal fiasco.

If a recovery was starting, it may have been nipped in the bud. This will make it harder to restore confidence among consumers. There have been so many false dawns during the long recession that people may need some convincing that times are really improving. In the doom-laden atmosphere of the past few weeks, two worthwhile cuts in interest rates in quick succession may have gone unnoticed by the national psyche. Hence the prime minister's

attempt to present policy actions more positively.

The realities of shrinking mortgage costs will, however, eventually appear in the bank accounts of the families whose budgets have been hardest hit. Without any further domestic policy moves, devaluation itself also provides a powerful stimulus for business even in a dull world economy. The housing market remains at rock bottom, keeping many related markets depressed. If the public could be convinced that lower interest rates will stick, however, housing could after all help lead recovery along with exports. Even if signs of an upturn in general consumer spending survive the sbock to confidence, the vanguard of recovery is unlikely to march up the

## Watchdog wanted

turns are never well planned. The govern-ment's change of heart over the coal closures was no exception. The idea of a wide-ranging review of the proposals was the classic politicians' way of buying time. But it is embarrassingly clear that there is no body entirely appropriate for such a review. The closest approximation was the energy select committee before its abolition earlier this year. Its last pronouncements on the subject of coal and its future, delivered in February, were prescient.

The Monopolies and Mergers Commission is the proper forum for settling narrow issues of competition and disputes between the privatised energy companies and their regulator. But no more than the late lamented select committee, the MMC is not the body to rule on issues of energy policy. Its job is to examine arrangements within the framework of current fair trading legislation. It has no powers to make fine long-term judgments about the balance of the nation's long-term energy requirements and how they can be met most effectively.

The idea of an energy commission floated yesterday in a study for Scottish Nuclear has some attraction. Apart from the important need for formation of policy, a body which could regulate the regulators is worth considering. Shareholders in British Gas and British Telecom are not alone in feeling that the regulatory regimes governing their companies have become a great deal tougher than any warnings spelled out in a prospectus.

# Latin America emerges from the dark days of the lost decade

The 1980s debt crisis led to falling growth,

capital flight and hyperinflation.

Martin Barrow charts the region's revival

hisper it softly, particu-larly in banking circles. but Latin America is again. Ten years after Mexico de-faulted on debt repayments, precipi-tating an international financial crisis, Latin American economies are boasting growth rates that are the envy of recession-hit industrialised nations. Stock markets are booming and flight capital is returning, with sovereign states skillfully tapping capital markets to fund development. More than \$40 billion flowed into

Latin America last year, with \$18 billion raised on international capital markets. These are not petro-dollars looking for a home — any home — as in the uncontrolled lending of the 1970s that prompted the debt crisis. Instead, these are funds raised in competition with other borrowers in a market that has become intensely averse to risk as economic uncertainty in Western Europe and America deep-ens. Standard & Poor's has given Chile a BBB rating for its securities and there has been a sharp upward movement in secondary market prices for Latin American debt from 27 cents in the dollar at end-1989 to 49 cents.

Privatisation programmes are in full swing in Chile, Mexico, Argentina and Venezuela, and state self-offs remain the long-term goal in Brazil, despite the political crisis that resulted in the replacement of Fernando Collor de Mello as president by Itamar Franco. Public sector deficits are being attacked with Thatcherite zeal, tax regimes are being reformed to maximise revenue and import tariffs have tumbled as governments attempt to revitalise economies by encouraging genuine competition.

Such progress in a relatively short period should not be underestimated although the task ahead is huge. During the 1980s, when Latin America was starved of capital, an outcast from the international financial community, social deprivation became widespread and in many countries the infrastructure crumbled. Extreme poverty is entrenched, with Peru boasting per capita GNP of only \$1,160 and even Chile, one of the region's success stories, a comparable figure of \$1,940. Across the region per capita income remains below levels attained in 1979 and there are doubts that Latin America can continue to attract enough capital to sustain the momentum required to restore living standards. But the achievements of the past

few years have been remarkable given that Latin America's main export markets and sources of finance have been in recession or experienc-ing negligible growth. Excluding Brazil, itself in recession, the region's growth in 1991 was about 4.3 per cent. This year Argentina is on target



Dawn to dusk demand: Brazil's fragile rain forest provides timber for South America's growing economies

for GNP growth of between 6 and 7 per cent and Chile 7.5 per cent, ac-cording to JP Morgan, the American investment house. Growth in Mexico is expected to slow from 3.6 per cent last year, mainly because of the government's shift to a tighter monetary policy to curtail inflation.

A tough line on inflation adopted by Mexico's president, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, is typical of the realism behind the region's economic revival. Inflation remains high by OECD standards but is being contained. The average rate of increase in consumer prices in 1991 was about 75 per cent. It has fallen this year and single-digit inflation is in sight in the leading economies. JP Morgan forecasts inflation of 12.5 per cent in Mexico this year and 9 per cent next. Chile expects inflation of 13 per cent this year and 10 per cent in 1993. The turnaround in Argentina has been dramatic. Last year, inflation was 139 per cent, against 1,900 per cent in 1990 and 3,000 per cent the two previous years. JP Morgan expects 20 per cent inflation this year and 12 per cent next.

A significant factor behind Latin America's revival has been the declining interest burden, which, measured as a ratio of scheduled interest pay-ments to export earnings, has fallen

to its lowest in 14 years, reflecting lower interest rates and a reduced debt stock. In the late 1970s rising interest rates and heavy external borrowing led to a crippling increase in the interest burden that eventually triggered the debt crisis. The interestto-export ratio rose from 19 per cent in 1978 to peak at 45 per cent in 1982 when Mexico defaulted on interest payments. Today the ratio is

ments, debt forgiveness and the reluctance of creditors to extend new loans reduced the rate of growth in the debt stock to an annual average of ess than 2 per cent in 1989-92. Exports, meanwhile, grew 7 per cent over the same period, despite subdued demand from industrial nations. Exports continue to grow and would help offset the negative impact of a subsequent rise in interest rates.

The private sector is clearly responding to greater economic stability and is benefiting from the return of domestic investment, up 4 per cent last year, as well as foreign capital. Tax reforms and changes in trade regimes are also having a positive impact. Across the region, import taxes and export duties are being reduced or phased out. Brazil has implemented tariff cuts that will reduce the average import tariff from 32.2 per cent in 1990 to 14.3 per cent by July 1993. Colombia's average tariffs have fallen from 44 to 15 per cent three years ahead of schedule.

As tariffs are lowered and quantitative restrictions are lifted as part of structural adjustment programmes, the potential grows for lasting agreement on free trade accords. The low progress and uncertain outcome of negotiations to update the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) has also raised interest in organising regional pacts.

Mexico is negotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement with the United States and Canada. the first of what could be a series of free trade agreements. The governments of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay have ratified the Treaty of Asunción, establishing the Mercosur common market, eliminating customs duties and non-tariff barriers by the end of 1994 and providing for the free movement of

goods, services, capital and labour. Bilateral and trilateral discussions are also taking place. Mexico is negotiating trade liberalisation arrangements with Venezuela and Colombia; Chile and Mexico have signed a freeiating similar arrangements with Ven-ezuela and Colombia. Talks do not always culminate in accords and such agreements as do exist are not always implemented to everyone's satisfaction. But the fact that Chile is now the largest foreign investor in Argentina. with whom past relations have been far from cordial, says much about the new trading environment.

rade liberalisation in Latin America should begin to address a serious obstacle to continued growth — a grow-ing current account deficit. The trade surplus fell from \$30 billion in 1990 to \$13.5 billion in 1991 and a projected \$4 billion this year. As a result, the aggregate current account deficit of the six largest economies is expected to rise to \$23 billion this year, against \$14 billion in 1991.

Mexico's economic adjustment

programme has attracted large capial inflows, an increase in domestic and foreign investment and a corresponding rise in imports. The result has been a widening trade deficit, from \$4 billion in 1990 to about \$15 billion this year. Argentina, whose adjustment programme is based largely on the Mexican model, is expected to see its trade surplus decline from \$8 billion in 1990 to \$700 million this year. Venezuela's trade balance has also been hit by import growth and the decline in international oil prices. By contrast, Brazil has enjoyed a sharp rise in its trade surplus through a combination of domestic recession, which has curbed imports, and growing demand for its products such as timber from its prospering neighbours.

Brazil, the largest economy in Latin America, is unlikely to emerge from recession until the new government of President Franco confronts the need to contain government spend-ing given the fragility of public finances. Nervousness over the out-come is reflected in the Bovespa stock market index. After rising threefold since early 1991, it fell 18 per cent on news of a new cabinet, reminding international investors that Latin America has not entirely overcome its turbulent nature. Political problems are not confined to Brazil.

In Venezuela, the government survived a military coup this year but more social spending has become necessary, calling into question the country's will to abide by the austerity measures intended to curb the fiscal deficit. In Argentina, there has been an increase in public protests. with strikes by well organized unions, vociferous complaints by high profile entrepreneurs in sectors that face stiff competition from imports protests by pensioners.

The political dimension remains a powerful influence in Latin America and the risks are still considered high. even though democratic rule is now the norm rather than the exception. The military may be confined to barracks but they are never far from the decision making. It was surely no coincidence that juntas stepped aside as public coffers ran dry. The question is whether the generals can resist storming government palaces when it becomes apparent there is money to

# THE TIMES

#### Fixed-income's dynamic duo

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THERE is, it seems, bad feel-

ing at James Capel Asset Management where fund manager Suzie Proctor, 31, is being held to six-month's notice after resigning with her four-strong fixed-income team on Monday. Proctor, at her desk vesterday and under instructions not to speak to the press — the other four have al-ready left — joined Capel from Midland Montagu after Mid-land's merger with Hongkong & Shanghai Bank. The integration is being masterminded by Tim Ferguson, ex-County NatWest, and now chief executive of HSBC Asset Management. Ferguson put his red pen through 30 fund management jobs, leaving seven people on the fixed-in-come desk. The choice for top job was between Proctor and Capel's Jim Dunsford, Now, after a two-month power struggie and major philosophical differences". Dunsford seems to have won. His team will comprise himself and fellow Capel's man James Dowding. Meanwhile, Proctor, when finally released, is understood to have a job lined up at Pictet, a Swiss fund manager where she will create a fixed-income desk of her own.

## Plenty o' nuttin

THE Royal Opera's smash hit Purgy and Bess — ticket prices from £4 to £124 — is proving a great success with City and political figures. At Tuesday's performance social security secretary Peter Lilley sipped wine in the foyer with friends



Chiene: time for opera

as did Lord Parkinson, also with wife and friends. Sandwiched between them was stockbroker John Chiene, onetime senior partner of Wood Mackenzie, better known these days - though not necessarily for 100 much longer— as a simple carrier of golf clubs. The popularity of the opera has come as no surprise to regular Glyndebourne fans who saw the same production there last year but wags think the titles of some of Gershwin's songs may have particular appeal for stricken politicians and City folk. They include It Ain't Necessarily So and There's a Boat Dat's Leavin' Soon for New York.

#### Calling PC Plod

HOT on the heels of Terry Smith's controversial book, Accounting for Growth, comes a steamy offering from Philip Middleton, investment trust analyst at Smith New Court. In a bold attempt to make zero coupon preference shares interesting. Middleton, formerly of Kitcat & Aitken, has called

known City personalities. Noddy and Big Ears — and fallen foul of the BBC. His latest circular, Noddy Buys a Zero, has the little nodding man putting his life savings into a stock called Bouncing Ball on the advice of a stockbroker called Mr Oily, who insists his £1,000 will be worth £2,500 after just five years. "We always knew Philip was well-read," says an SNC col-league, but the BBC, which owns the rights to the Noddy name, was unimpressed and has complained to SNC that it considers the theme "not at all suitable" for a piece of financial research.

on the services of those well-

#### Brassed off

THE sale of surplus contents at Barton Abbey, Oxfordshire, the 16th century family home of Robin Fleming, chairman of Robert Fleming, the bank, raised £236,516, double the sum estimated by Phillips, the auction house. But most of those in attendance were arnazed not by the total realised but by the price of a small gilt-brass figure. Valued at £150 — £200 by Phillips, it went for £28,050 after fierce bidding from two anonymous trade buyers. Their battle prompted speculation that the object might be worth far more. Fleming says he is no wiser than anyone else about its origins. "It was just a little Greek God sitting on a pedestal." And if it does turn out to be worth millions? "I'll feel like anybody else would, I sup-

pose," he says philosophically.

## BUSINESS LETTERS

#### Absurd EC rules will push struggling firms into failure From Mr John Brace

Sir. There seems to have been little, if any, comment on the implications of the new Health and Safety Regulations to be imposed on UK companies at the end of this year as a result of EC industrial legislation.

Apparently, as a small business employing some seven people, I am required to carry out a written assessment of the health and safety risks faced by my employees, put in writing my plans for organising, controlling and reviewing safety measures, appoint a "competent person", either in-house or an external consultant, lay down emergency action procedures, give my staff appropriate information and training, with induction training for new staff and regular refresher courses, and

call in consultants to under- another example of the obsestake a full health and safety audit. If I fail to comply, I risk imprisonment.

On top of this, there is a whole new set of regulations concerning the care and maintenance of electrical equipment (our electric kettle must be inspected by a qualified engineer annually and I am no longer allowed to change the plug) and most of our furniture must be scrapped as not complying with EC ergonomic specifications.

No doubt thousands of small businesses faced with these draconian regulations will either ignore them, hoping that no-one will take any action, or close down. In some 20 years of trading, none of the hazards implied by these regulations has been evident in my business. Here is yet

past three years. But business-

es cannot survive on boot-

will lead to the regeneration of

the UK manufacturing base

and to lasting prosperity for UK plc. It will be driven by

industrial rather than by polit-

ical imperatives, though we fervently hope, because manu-

facturing is so important to

our nation, that politicians of

all parties will support us -

and we hope you will too. But

it does seem a little less than

fair to judge our proposals

before you, and even before we

know exactly what they will be. Yours faithfully,

NEIL A. JOHNSON.

Engineering Employers' Federation,

(Director-General).

Broadway House,

almost exhausted.

sive bureaucracy into which the EC has degenerated, defining absurd solutions to non-existent problems and imposing substantial additional overheads on businesses which are already well run and currently struggling. I have seen it estimated that the total cost to UK industry of implementing these regula-tions is some £1.7 billion. The net result will be further unemployment, partly offset. presumably, by the new army of enforcement snoopers em-ployed at the taxpayer's EXPENSE

Yours sincerely, JOHN BRACE, Managing Director, John Brace & Associates Ltd, Marketing Communications, Format House, 11 Imperial Road, SW6.

Bootstrap approach to business wearing thin

From Mr Neil A. Johnson Sir, Your Comment (October 13) focuses much needed attention on engineering and rightly points out the opportunities generated by devaluation. Engineering exporters are well aware of these, and have been quick to take advantage of them. However, we live in a very real world, and in our world we cannot overlook the fact that engineering imports are expected to rise faster than exports during 1993. And surely you did not really expect us to show "signs of glee" when the key element in our government's economic policy

collapsed? You say that our members have run out of patience, and that is true. Had you enquired. you would have learned that one reason for this is that they have been applying your suggested bootstrap approach vig-CAROL LEONARD | orously and painfully for the

Revenue returns

From Mr Peter Williams Sir, Mr Batchelor (October straps alone, and this route is 19) is satisfied with the efficiency of the Inland Revenue We are committed to probecause he received his tax ducing a practical strategy that refund (with interest) speedily after seven years of returns were submitted.

He might feel differently if he owed tax. I was horrified to find, after posting my tax return for the last tax year on October 8, that an assessment in the correct amount reached me on October 15.

Fortunately all is not doom and gloom. My wife's tax inspector has still not sorted out her tax from the year before last, and she has not even received her tax return for last year, let alone returned

Yours faithfully, PETER WILLIAMS, Bournbrook House,

# Where to invest during deep recession.

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## ICI chairman urges 'kiss of life' for economy

Sir Denys Henderson, chairman of ICI, says the government has not listened to the pleas of British industry to give a modest kick-start to the economy, with a low and stable interest rate regime

By PATRICIA TEHAN

pressed "very clearly" to the

government over many

months now, he said. "but no-

one has been listening, so far as I can judge". He said

ready for any upturn in de-

mand with high-quality, com-

petitively-priced products.

He said: "Manufacturing

industry remains the founda-tion of British exports, and

although the service industries

and the invisibles are also

important to our overall eco-

nomic performance. I do not

believe that the endemic bal-

ance of trade problem in this

country can be solved other

than by a dramatic improve-ment in our overall manufac-

turing performance."
The UK economy has

lagged, he said, behind Amer-

ica, Germany and Japan, which have placed far more

emphasis on the importance

of manufacturing. Sir Denys

said: "The fact is that we need

continuous improvement in

the performance of both the

services sector and manufac-

turing industry." Industry was

not calling for "vast hand-outs

or unreasonable subvention".

However, despite the current

furore over Europe, I remain a

convinced and committed

supporter of the single Euro-

pean market. In a world

which is moving towards ever larger trading blocs, the UK

economy is simply too small a

base from which to compete

base for UK firms that wanted

to compete for customers from

other continents. He added:

We have to be fully involved

in the EC decision-making

process and we run the risk of being marginalised if we are not part of it."

Europe had to be the home

SIR DENYS Henderson, chairman of ICI, launched a scathing attack on the government's economic record yesterday, urging ministers to give "the kiss of life to a British economy which has been wallowing in recession for some

He criticised the government for turning a deaf ear to the calls of British manufacturers for measures to stimulate the economy and said: "We need to have a better, continuing dialogue with gov-ernment than has been the case for some years now."

He added that the UK must begin playing a role in European Community decision-making or risk being

Sir Denys has been highprofile among industrialists or his continued pressure on the government to do more for manufacturers. Last Friday. he welcomed the 1 per cent cut in base rates, but said bolder measures were needed and industry must be given the confidence to believe that there is a reasonable degree of permanence in the government's economic policy.

Speaking yesterday at a lunch in London, he asked why the government objects to giving the economy a modest kick start. He said: "That process of revival needs to be begun by the bold stimulation of British business, by.

amongst other things, a low and stable interest rate regime to encourage investment, by a consistently competitive pound to boost exports and by a substantial public sector capital investment programme to improve our in-

Such views had been ex-

Taurus strengthens shareholder safeguards Sir Andrew Hugh Smith,

chairman of the London Stock Exchange, responds to readers'

questions on Taurus

Stock Taurus system provoked a healthy interest. The authors of all published letters have now received personal replies, but I felt that it was also appropriate to respond publicly to their questions. Most questions on Taurus

ultimately stem from the issue of ownership. Who will be the legal owner of shares? Where does the company register fit in? The answer under the Taurus regime will be the same as it is today: the legal owner is the person entitled to be recorded in the company's "register of mem-bers". If that person is a nominee, he is nevertheless legally recognised by the com-pany as its shareholder. The beneficial owner behind the nominee has no rights in the eyes of the company (at least in England and Wales — Scottish companies may recognise beneficial interests).

So people become share-holders when companies' registrars make entries on their registers, not when transactions take place on the stock market. Virtually all com-panies' registers — 90 per cent of which are kept by the high street banks - are already computerised, so the notion that Taurus introduces computers and centralised records is wrong.

The loss of share certificates is the main source of concern for many investors. Let's be clear. Share certificates do not confer legal ownership now in the way that bank notes do: they are simply evidence of ownership, rather like an IOU. This evidence is important today. because registrars have to receive back and cancel certificates when shares are sold. But sometimes the certificate is worthless, for example after a takeover or if a duplicate certificate has been issued and used to sell the

relevant shares. Under Taurus, the shareholders' legal position will be strengthened. Brokers and banks who offer services to investors will have a legal duty to act properly and ntain effective records. If they give instructions to move shares, they will be legally responsible for reinstating the holding if they are subsequently found to have done so without authority.

The general public do not have access to the Taurus system. It can be entered only by organisations that have been tested for high standards of computer operation and security. Remember that computer systems are already and the organisations involved already guard against computer backers and viruses. Taurns will enhance that security. Problems arise from backlogs in paper processing. transactions surges. These delays create opportunities for error and fraud, so quicker processing times will minimise risk. But what if something does

go wrong? The organisation at fault will have to reinstate the investor's holding, together with any financial benefits, such as dividends, which are lost as a result. Companies will be own controllers and registrars. All other participating organisations will be insured, but as a last resort there will be a compensation scheme to reimburse private investors up to a maximum of E250,000.

Brokers and banks are recommending investors to move shareholdings into nominees. Must I do this? Brokers and banks are recommending the use of nominees because they believe this will best help investors with the transition to Taurus. It will, however, be quite feasible for investors to manage this themselves if they choose. Shareholders should make sure they get all the information they need from their advisors to enable them to choos€

Won't annual statements mean there will be more rather than less paper?



Keeping London on high: Sir Andrew says Taurus will justify its development costs

If you are an investor who trades shares infrequently, and the record of your holdings is kept with companies, you will receive a statement when your holding is acquired or changes, and thereafter, an annual statement from each company.

This will enable you to confirm that the comparry record is as you expected. The statements will also make the executors' job easier. Today, it is often difficult to detercertificates are missing and a company is not paying regular dividends. If you manage your share portfolio and trade relatively frequently, you may ask your broker to hold the shareholding records and make whatever used for collateral for a loan

statements periodically, or to receive statements at least namelly from each company. In Taurus, you will be able to choose to have your portfolio held by a broker or a bank and still have your name entered on company registers.

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so that you can receive company information directly. With nominees, you will have to arrange for the nominee company to send you the Under Taurus, can shares be

to family or friends? Yes. If the shareholding record is held with the company, it will simply be a matter of notifying the company, which in turn will record a change. Where the record is held by a bank or broker, similar arrangements may be agreed with them. Taures has been expensive to .

whether an improved service means increased costs. Tanrus has been expensive to develop but the securities industry believes it is vital if London is to retain its lead as a financial centre. The Ex-change has already written off most of the costs of developing Taurus, so there is no debt to be paid off. Firms participating in Taurus bave developed their own new systems and will naturally expect to recoup the costs over time. Operational savings will increasingly offset their costs as the shares of more companies are include in the system. This will be helped by a reduction in the charge the Exchange currentmakes to brokers and banks for settlement services.

The result will be greater simplicity, together with im-proved reliability and accuracy even when trading volumes are high. Such a streamlined service should

reduce long term costs. In summary, Taurus will change life very little for private investors: it offers all of today's facilities and some new ones. It will also bring better legal protection, en-hanced security and higher standards of computer management and operation. The speed, accuracy and capability of computers, and the accessibility of information which Taurus communications will bring, will make possible improved services

Extensive research was updertaken with private investors whenTaurus was designed and although it was obviously not possible to consult 11 audion people directly, anxieties were identified early and have been given careful attention.

Talisman, the present system, was subject to just as introduced in 1979. Within a year, its users wondered how they had managed without it. When Tannes comes in I have no doubt it will also rapidly become the accepted way of doing things. During the transition, investors will be receiving all the information they need directly from companies, brokers and banks. This is supported by the Stock Exchange Taurus Helpline for private investors. For further information, please call: 071-797 3333.

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## Clarks struggles to step out of trouble pers in Street with his brother,

BY JON ASSWORDS

IN YEARS to come, the Clark shoe family will look back on the autumn of 1992 with a sense of horror and disbelief. This intensely private family with strong Quaker origins has been caught in the full glare of public scrutiny, and nobody has emerged the

The problem facing Clarks is where to go from here. Profits have fallen steadily for the past six years. Redundancy and reorganisation costs fu elled a pre-tax loss of £3.5 million (compared with a profit of £2.5 million) in the first half of 1992, and directors have said that matters will not

improve. Clarks is desperate to compete internationally but cannot seem to agree on a strategy. Rival factions on the board have spent the past three months arguing about whether to remove Walter Dickson, the non-family man who became chairman 15 months ago, and appoint Lance Clark in his place.

Unable to agree, the rebel faction requisitioned the extraordinary meeting that took place in Glastonbury, Somerset, on Friday. Circulars were issued to 4,100 shareholders. advisers were consulted and the costs mounted. Clarks' expenses are thought to have

topped £1 million.
All the meeting did was serve to demonstrate how deep the divisions in the Clarks holders were treated to the spectacle of their chairman.



Firm pledge: Walter Dickson leaves the Glastonbury meeting

their former chairman, a rebel director and two non-executive directors in turn, standing up at the front of the Glastonbury town hall and trying to justify their arguments.

It would have been farcical had real issues not been at stake. Clarks is one of the biggest private companies in Britain after Littlewoods, with sales of close to £600 million a year and a brand name that is famous around the world. The company is losing money, competitors are chipping away at its market share, and directors will have to get their

damage before it is too late.

In a sense, it already is too late. So serious are the divisions in the family that the board has decided the only thing to do is sell control to an outsider. The orginal plan was to have Electra Investment Trust take a 51 per cent stake as a "friendly" parent. No sooner had word of that leaked out than three further suitors, one American, came forward and asked to join the hidding. Others may follow.

Clarks has accepted that it must give up family control after 167 years, sad as it is for the 1,000 or so descendants of James Clark who started making sheepskin rugs and slip-

Cyrus, in 1825. Directors will now have to haggle over a price and work out a scheme that will give those shareholders who want to sell a chance @ to do so. The poor marketability of the shares, which have dropped in value from more than £4 to about 90p, has been at the heart of much of the infighting in the family ranks. Dividend cuts have not

The company's strength lies in its brands: Clarks Shoes, Ravel and K Shoes in the UK. and Bostonian in America. Deciding what they are worth will dominate the months leading up to the annual meeting in April, when the issue of whether to remove Mr

Dickson may crop up again.
Research by Clarks in the summer produced encouraging results. Asked which brand of shoe instantly sprang to mind, 44 per cent of women and 32 per cent of men out of 1,500 surveyed said Clarks. By contrast, 7 per cent of men put Adidas and Reebok in top place, and 4 per cent men-tioned Nike and K Shoes.

Now, it will come down to convincing the eventual buyer that the brand name is worth more in the long term than the impact of a short-term fall in profits. Clarks needs money to develop its brands and promote itself overseas, so is not really in a position to set the

Mr Dickson has promised shareholders the chance to vote on proposals before a deal is signed, so a repeat of the Glastonbury debacle is far

## Detergent giants avoid MMC enquiry

By OUR CITY STAFF

THE Office of Fair Trading said it would not start monopoly proceedings against Procter & Gamble and Lever Brothers. which dominate the British household detergents market.

ever, Sir Bryan Carsberg, directorgeneral of fair trading, said that he was conscious of the scope for exploitation of market power by the two companies, and would remain on the lookout for evidence

The fact that my office has been reviewing the detergents market, which continues to be dominated by Procter & Gamble and Lever Brothers, has led to speculation in the press that I might make a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission," he said. "I have

indeed given serious consideration to the case for a monopoly reference but have concluded, on the evidence before me, that a reference would not be justified." The OFT study showed that competition between the two companies appeared to be active and there was also

peated to be active and incre was also competition from non-label brands. A high rate of product innovation was also seen by the OFT as a favourable indication of competition.

Lever Brothers is owned by Unilever and makes products such as Persil, Radion and Surf. Procter & Gamble, which has its UK headquarters in Newcastle, makes brands such as Daz.

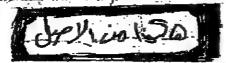
Fairy Snow, Ariel and Bold. Sir Bryan said major shopping groups had their own brands, which competed

main companies, while new products were launched regularly, providing more competition. The OFT had doubts that high advertisement spending would cre-ate a barrier to entry for new competitors but Sir Bryan said he had noted the argument that high spending is needed

to launch products.
He said the review had uncovered no evidence of anti-competitive conduct by Procter & Gamble or Lever Brothers that

could more directly inhibit entry. The detailed material provided by the companies on their prices and pricing policies did not demonstrate that price competition in this market was ineffective, he added.

The review was a follow-up exercise on a 1966 MMC report that led to various with the dominant brands from the two undertakings by the two companies.





# At last, a real breakthrough in the way we work

A British company

suggests

that supportive

working

environments are

the key to a competitive edge

AT ONE TIME it was adverdown in the lift. Increasingly, British business generally is considering the merit of that

After capitalising on intellectual properties and brand believe that the real assets of

its business are its people.

Coupled with this is the knowledge that as the economy improves, employee mo-bility will increase. Those comes with the appropriate combination of terms and conditions tending to achieve greater continuity of its work-

## THE BEST PERFORMANCE

Now there is growing belief that in order for a company to perform at its best, and to re-tain its staff, its working enviroument needs to encourage a feeling of well-being amongst its people. Senior management recognising this are now tak-ing greater interest in the ways and means of creating more supportive conditions.

The major element of most office environments is their furniture. While legislation takes on board those requirements of health and safety necessary for the preservation of life and limb, it seems that other things can affect people's work performance. Not least, being their instinctive reaction to the work station presented to them. The need for management to consider an environ-

#### A BRITISH COMPANY

One distinctive British company which has taken this philosophy to heart is Gordon Russell Limited, Rejuvenated after its purchase by Steelcase Strafor plc, the European leader in office furniture, this quintessential British firm is again restating its credentials.

Continuing the tradition pioneered by its founder, the late Sir Gordon Russell, one of the most influential furniture designers of his time, the legacy of imagination and fine craftsmanship is being main-

As Edward Cory, Chief Executive of Steekese Strafor plc, points out, "If you look at Gordon Russell's heritage, it is one of entrepreneurship, international vision and innovation. The company is more than just a proud history. The beritage can be made accessible and relevant to contemporary markets without the company losing that special quality, style and mys-tique. It is a design leader, an innovator in terms of materials and it has strong British roots which have wide

Sir Gordon Russell

Throughout his life, until his death in 1980, Sir Gordon Russell's career showed a reand quality. In 1940 he was elected Royal Designer for Industry, becoming Chairman of the Utility Furniture Design Panel in 1943 and founder member of the productions. member of the newly formed Council of Industrial Design a year later. He played a leading role in the Britain Can Make It' exhibition and the Festival of Britain in 1951, and in 1959 he was appointed Senior Rel-low of the Royal College of Art which presented him with an Honorary Doctorate in 1980.

#### OLD VALUES,

As the company this year cel Gordon Russell, it seemed that there could be no better time

The new Gordon Russell office system sets out to create an optimum environment for effective working. Readily adaptable, without tools, and permitting a high degree of personalisation to take place. Practical and innovative soluwhich also acknowledges the tradition of Gordon Russell for simple style and quality good looks. Adding value where it can be appreciated, and deploying traditional skills to satisfy the needs of a changing, more demanding office environment.

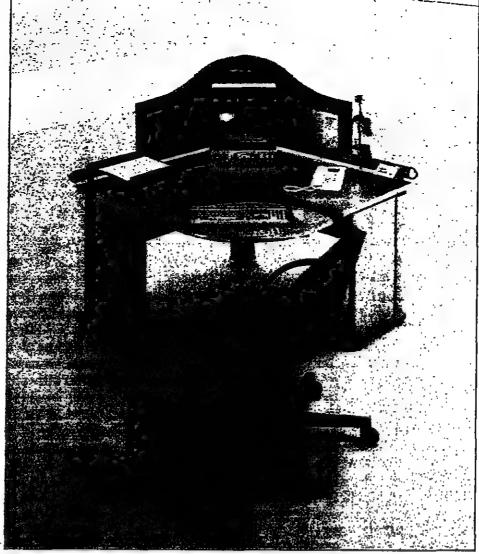
#### TWO CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

Broadway, in Worcestershire, has been the headquarters of the company was formed in 1927. Located close to the famous Lygon Arms and having historical family links with it, until it was acquired by The Savoy Group in 1986. Excellent cabinet making has always been practiced in the manufacturing workshops at Broadway. Being regularly king and storage. Along with a collection of boardroom furniturn. In addition, the skill for which it continues to be recognised, is the ability to customer requirements. While those specialists responsible for producing custom made items have now also introduced a new range of high No less quality minded is the Gordon Russell factory at Swindon, With a new manage-

ment in machinery, a breath of fresh air is flowing through this part of the business. The Swindon site is now a highly sophisticated, modern wood engineering plant, having recently been upgraded to cope with the demands of high volume quality furniture manufacture. Most of the equipment is based on eric control systems which give the highest degree of accuracy and final quality. Robotic spraying of all panel work is one example of the Swindon manufacturing pro-cess resulting in a consistently

high quality of finish and durability in use.

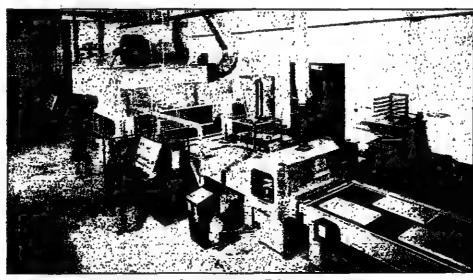
ment team, and a major invest-



n individual computer work station incorporating adjustable keyboard shelf, VDU protection screens ad facilities for personal items. Can be used by itself or in space saving grouped configurations.



The headquarters of Gordon Russell Limited in the picturesque village of Broadway, Worcestershire.



The latest in wood engineering at the Gordon Russell Systems Plant, at Swindon, includes a robotic sprayline.

#### THE SYSTEM

The new system range from Gordon Russell continues the company's tradition of producing simple and well designed high quality wood furniture.

The current project com-menced in November 1991, when Barry Wilson joined Gordon Russell at Sales and Marketing Director (Systems). Using the quality background of Gordon Russell, Barry's brief was to create a competibrief was to create a competitive range of wood, system furniture. This he was eminently capable of doing having initially been a furniture designer and later moving into sales and marketing. Coupled with this was his experience of providing products to British institutions, who care about the quality of their working environments, enabling him to bring an unusual breadth of understanding and experience to the undertaking.

The new system range, by Gordon Russell, is the result of talking to people. People such operators, who most obviously influence the ergonomics of the design. But also those people who are responsible for, and frequently encounter, difficulties with wire management, servicing or rearrangement. Again, the designers listened to people who seek

distinctive style. And those looking for quality products, but have budget restraints. Throughout the design development they regularly re-visited the market to test their ideas. Continually listening to the user and adjusting the design. Until now, Gordon Russell Limited have, what they believe to be, an optimum re-sult. Offering the market, what they consider to be, a very distinctive and competitive product.



The unique accessory rail and high quality wood items provide a place for everything in its place.



Retractable tops reveal adaptable wire management services, power, data, telephone. Together plug-in facilities for desk accessories, VDU arm, lamp and copy holder.

#### CREATING IMAGINATIVE PRODUCT FEATURES

Many things need to be considered when embarking on a project of this nature. Not least being the need to be ever mindful of the requirements of British Standards, EC Directives and Health & Safety. While, as previously mentioned, customer research frequently pro-However a self-imposed remirement was to create a proanct which would be more agreeable to work with. Hope-fully encouraging more effec-

By collating a bank of ap-propriate knowledge and dis-cussing it with ergonomists, Gordon Russell were able to successfully apply it to product interpretation.

The product itself, while simple in concept, encom-passes the best that current technology has to offer. With neat cassette wire manage-ment, easy service accessing and simple, plug-in adapta-

Work surfaces are smooth and rounded and are a delight

to the touch. While light oak has been chosen as the primary fmish, others are envisored but seen or travellable to aged but seen as 'available to order' rather than stock items.

shaped work surfaces, flex-ible storage and imaginative screening. The entire product range offering total office fur-nishing with immediate op-portunity for reconfiguration. Completing this offer is a range of original and distinc-

tive accessories. These affording the user, the opportunity

#### SERVING CUSTOMERS

Gordon Russell, one of the finest of craft companies, has been privileged to make farmi-ture for the British Royal Family, Foreign Embass British Pavilion at Expo in Seville and countless blue chip companies of diverse size and background. It is also used by major design companies as a factory for the manufacturer of many of their bespoke

being specially created for sophisticated environments.

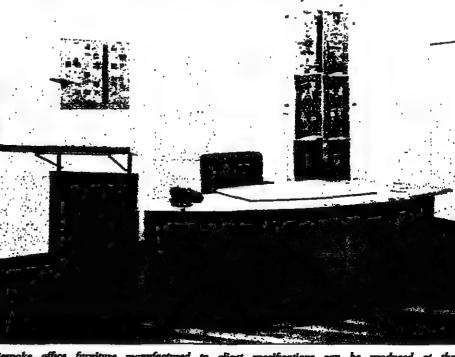
#### SECOND TO NONE

With Gordon Russell Limited being part of such a strong group, it is able to con-fidently approach its markets. Knowing that all its values and commitment will be fully endorsed. Taking a lead in the creation of a new approach to working environments. Offering supportive working conditions and a competitive edge

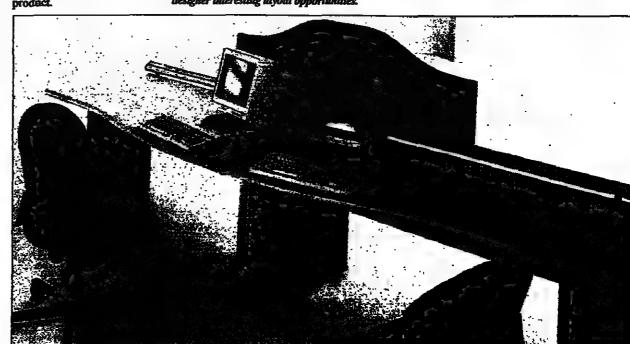
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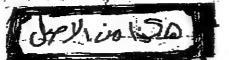
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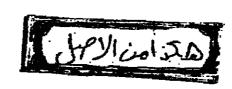


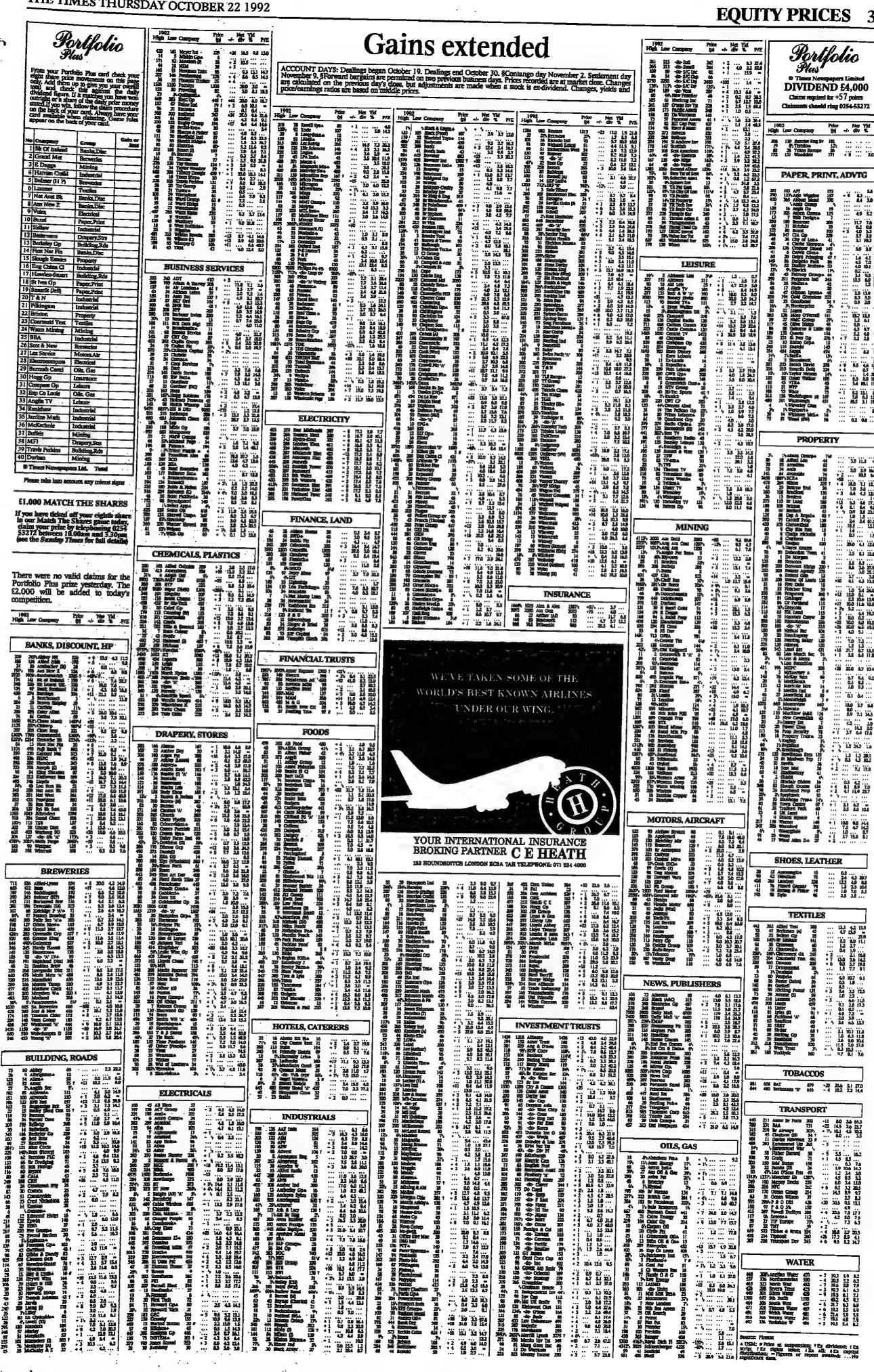
The Cyma desk offers the user increased work surface for a VDU and keyboard, and the interior designer interesting layout opportunities.



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# The service that keeps on growing

**Rodney Hobson** 

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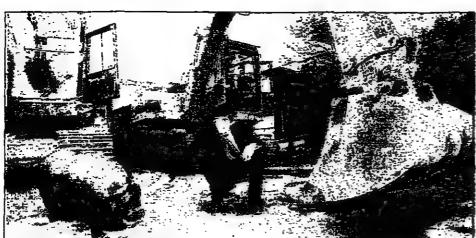
are finding

new funding

igns that smaller businesses are turning from banks to other sources of finance are contained in figures from the Association of British Factors Discounters. Research shows two other significant trends in a service that is still shaking off suspicion and ignorance among potential users and financial advisers. Invoice discounting, where the provider lends as bills are sent out, has overtaken full factoring in popularity, and factoring is playing an increasing role in management buyouts.

The association reported a 10 per cent higher turnover in the first half of 1992 than in the corresponding months of 1991. Sales financed by association members were £7.5 billion against £6.9 billion. Last year, for the full year. turnover rose only slightly to £14.2 billion from £13.8 mil-

lion in 1990. Alan Hughes, the association's chairman, says: "The upturn in invoice finance volumes suggests companies are



Toby the pig is the Hillmans Plant mascot but Brian O'Connell attributes success to factoring

of funding working capital. For many healthy businesses, factors have important advantages over banks. They provide flexible finance linked to sales and they have plenty of capital ready to lend."

The figures also show that the extent of bad trade debts absorbed by association members on their clients' behalf slipped 1 per cent to £6.4 million in the first half of 1992. compared with £6.5 million in the corresponding period of last year.

There is evidence, too, that factors and discounters are winning the battle against delayed payments. The average time taken to collect is 62 days compared with 80 days for companies without a fac-

Factoring and discounting

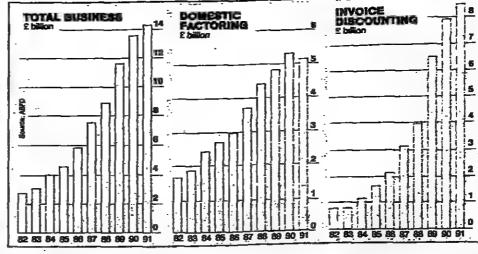
can be the difference between surviving and going under. Few have found life tougher than Hillmans Plant, a Sussex company that hires equipment to the construction industry.

The directors turned their efforts to supplying plant for the utilities, where cables and pipelines were being updated after privarisation. As new opportunities opened up, Hillmans opened a London depot and began working at full capacity. This led to cash flow problems as payment delays stretched out and the cost of credit control soared.

Hillmans worried that factoring would dent personal relations with customers. However, Brian O'Connell, a director, says: "It has been a great success. We have expanded and increased sales,

maintaining profit margins in a highly competitive market."
The switch has brought a boom for factors. International Factors, owned by Lloyds Bank and the largest operator, reported record business in 1991, exceeding £3 billion, a figure never before reached by

espite dramatic variations in the economy during the past six years. international Factors has increased its business throughout. The gain in 1991 was 10 per cent. In 1985 its turnover reached £1 billion. By 1989 it was the first factor to achieve a £2 billion turnover. Even durrecession, the company took only two more years to



Tom Hurson, the managing director, says: "Nobody can deny that 1991 was an extremely tough year for every-body, and to have increased our volume of business in such conditions is extremely encouraging. Our steady growth just goes to show that more and more businesses are realising that factoring is a cost-effective and efficient management tool, whether we

are in boom or recession." Despite the attractions of factoring, the real boom area. is invoice discounting, now accounting for 59 per cent of turnover among association members. Gerard Nolan at UCB invoice outlines the attitudes that have previously held back invoice discounting. He says: "Companies that choose an alternative route and the

lend money against unpaid invoices, in the form of over-

drafts, they normally allow

always the best place to turn

for extra cash, especially when

the banks can, and do, with-

draw overdrafts at a whim?"

advisers who prompt them to do so are often regarded as commercial mavericks rather than enlightened or astute financial managers." He points to a Midlands

company that started to use invoice discounting at the end of 1987 when the bank refused to increase the £300,000 overdraft. By switching to invoice discounting the company was able to reach its £5 million turnover target in three years instead of the projected five. The bank has now provided an extra £50,000 unsecured overdraft. discounting is exercising the

Rapid growth in invoice minds of some association members. The term discounters was added to the title in 1991 and there is concern that

the association is becoming

two-tiered - 70 per cent of clients on turnover of less than £1 million largely using factor-ing and a smaller number with turnover of £3 million or

more using discounting.

Meanwhile, the whole factoring and discounting sector is optimistic. Malcolm Smith, the managing director of Alex Lawrie and the immediate past chairman of the Confederation of British Industry in Southern England, says: "The key to our recovery is a multiplicity of bullet points: Firstly, we need stable prices: secondly, we need to grow to maintain and improve our standard of living; thirdly, we have an economic and social responsibility to create jobs. Factoring can be vital for putting cash flow back into the pockets of British business."

## How the silk firm finally found the cash

FACTORS are always striving to shake off the image that they are lenders of the last resort but many customers still turn to them after being refused further finance from the banks. Often a customer decreed to be unsuitable for a loan will be sent to the bank's own factoring subsidiary as a model austomer.

Dunford Wood Designs, in Warwickshire, was turned down by bank after bank on the ground that its business plan was not a good banking proposition. The business turned to factoring through Alex Lawrie as a means of increasing cash flow to keep up with increasing demand for its hand-painted silk

garments. The business was founded 13 years ago by Hugh Dunford Wood, an artist, and its products are sold in a dozen countries around the world, and by companies such as Harrods and Moss Bros. The firm employs, 15 freelance artists to ensure a continuous stream of new ideas and influences.

Exporting makes up 50 per cent of the business, so an efficient debt export collection service is vital. Alex Lawrie provides 70 per cent of the value of export sales invoices within 48 hours.

Prue Hardwick, a business partner at Dunford Wood Designs, says: "Our biggest overseas market is Italy. Although this is a great compliment to the quality of our designs, it also presents problems as Italians are reputed to be bad payers. We employed Alex Lawrie to manage these slow-paying customers and, most importantly, to carry out credit checks before accepting export orders."

The company has four fulltime staff and was keen to keep the core as small as possible, so it preferred its sales ledger to be managed by a third party.

Mrs Hardwick says: "Chesing old invokes and worrying about the level of the overdist are unproductive, depressing

## Discreet discounters to the rescue

nvoice discounting is still widely misunderstood. even by accountants and financial advisers, despite being the fastest-growing area of factoring services. It is a line of finance comparable to venture capital or a bank loan and is suitable for companies with turnover of at least £2 million. and preferably £4 million.

The service was invented in the United States at the start of this century, when many cus-tomers settled their bills only twice a year. Manufacturers were often short of capital for expansion as financial institu-

An American financial import similar to venture capital and bank loans keeps many businesses afloat

comparable to overdraft rates.

tions declined to lend money when it was most needed. Invoice discounters offered finance to tide the manufacturers over, using the invoices as collateral and usually lending up to 80 per cent of their value.

The discounter charges an administrative fee, normally no more than 0.5 per cent of turnover, and a second fee based on the amount of money advanced. This rate is broadly

Gerald Nolan, the head of marketing and sales at UCB Invoice Discounting, says: "It is not factoring in disguise. It is not a credit control and debt collecting service. It is purely a means of raising cash but with much greater flexibility than a current account overdraft or a slice of venture capital."

UCB Invoice Discounting the largest operator in the field independent of a banking group, lent more than £55 on to British busine last year. Unlike factoring. invoice discounting is discreet. A company using the service need not let its customers know that it is raising working capital against their debts.

only 40 per cent of the outstanding sum, compared with the invoice discounter's The company using invoice discounting retains full control 80 per cent. of its sales ledger and credit management. "Invoice dis-Mr Nolan complains that British companies seem to counting is not a surrogate regard bank overdrafts as accounts department," Mr inevitable. Mr Nolan asks: Nolan says. "In fact, it is only "Isn't it time that financial those companies that have full advisers, accountants, even credit managers and finance directors, started to ask themcontrol of their sales ledgers who turn to invoice discounting in the first place. Debt selves whether their bank is

sibility of the company." The amount of cash a company receives from invoice by sales activity. When sales go up, the amount of money received goes up. This gives an that tend to be based on past performance. When banks do

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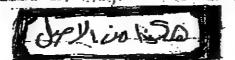
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# A boon to managers who buy out

The role of factoring in deals helps to keep down the borrowing

he role of factoring and invoice discounting is now accepted as the important third dement in the financial package of companies that are bough out by their own

management.
Stuart Parker, the chief executive of Trade Indemnity-Heller Commercial Finance, Says "After equity capital and mezzarine finance, cash pro-vided against the security of the current assets is extremely important

"It is a facility that exactly matches the dynamics of the new business. By utilising this form of firance it is possible to reduce the equity requirement of the principal and other investors as well as reducing the fixed level of expensive mezzanine finance.

"Furthermore, if the clientchooses a con-recourse facility - where the factor stands the loss for bad debts - involving the provision of credit insurance, it is possible for this to become a form of off-balance sheet finance."

Mr Parker points out that the last thing a newly formed company wants is the experience of bad debts. Just one or two defaults can wipe out any

David Richardson, the senior marketing manager at International Factors, says: The recession has caused many casialties in business, especially among manage-

"After being carried away by the enthusiasm of the 1980s, many nanagement teams



Wheels in motion at Century: Lawrence Newsome. Beating cash handicap: Stuart Parker of Trade Indemnity-Heller

committed themselves to large debts that became crippling as interest rates rose and times got harder."

The 1990s have brought a more realistic attitude among managers and this has kept the tide of smaller management buyouts running while big deals have virtually disappeared.

An example is KDL a Manchester-based computer company bought out from Kalamazoo in February 1990. Ian Hogg, the managing

director of KDL, says Kalama-200 was moving away from distribution of personal computers but he and his management team believed there was a considerable market. The main concern was

whether sufficient funds could be raised at short notice. Mr Hogg says: "Interna-tional Factors was able to offer us what we required. We were able to remain sole sharehold ers while obtaining the funds

we needed. "They could also provide us

with a package of services that would free us from timeconsuming administration, enabling us to concentrate on strategy and development rather than worrying about

the sales ledger." International Factors initialprovided the buyout with £1.2 million against outstanding debts. During the first year of independence, the compamy's turnover grew by nearly

Mr Hogg says: "While times were good, many of our

competitors concentrated only on developing their sales and neglected the fundamentals of sound financial principles and business planning. As a conse-quence they suffered when the

going got tough." Lawrence Newsome, a director at Century, the newly formed factoring arm of Close Brothers, believes that management buyouts will continue to seek the help of factors. He says: "Confident that the

recession is bottoming out,

businesses that are being offered at bargain prices.

"Mounting a buyout can involve complex legal and financial negotiations and an experienced, qualified, professional team can advise and ensure that transactions go through smoothly and rapidly.

"Management buyouts from receivers accounted for roughly one in five buyouts last year, and as the highest level of failures occurs as companies come out of recession, growth in the number of buyouts is predicted to continue. Severe time pressures are normally inherent in such deals and a dedicated management buyout and acquisition division is geared to react to meet deadlines."

aul Hird, the marketing director at Venture Factors, says that in 90 per cent of cases where a business is reborn the new company will have lower sequently will be leaner and fitter with a lower break-even turnover level.

He adds, however. "Planning cannot be treated as a one-off. It needs constant reviewing and refining."

Mr Hird says that the most important area to a factor who is considering supporting a reborn company is the failure of the original business.

He asks whether the management understands the reasons for the failure and whether it has learnt from its

The factor will study the liquidator's report and look closely at recovery levels expected from debtors. The list of proposed customers will be checked for creditworthiness and the financial commitment of the shareholders will be compared with the proposed facility required from the

## Debt solution, in miniature

Rescue money helps a company to multiply takings ten times over



Fiona Odle: "We were owed £23,000. It made sense"

USING factoring has helped the No 1 Framing Company to expand turnover from £11,000 to more than ten times that amount. The company now expects to double turnover again by the middle of next year.

The company was set up in 1985 near Harrogate, North Yorkshire, by Fiona and James Odle, and the key to success has been the Fiona Odle Collection of minimums.

Mrs Odle says: "We chose the miniature market for commercial, not artistic reasons. I noticed that nobody was producing them, so I decided to provide local galleries and gift shops with a series of miniatures of their town or area. from four different perspectives. These prints have been popular and we are constantly gaining new outlets."

The Odles approached Lombard NatWest because,

although they had a £120,00 turnover last year, they wer having cash-flow problems. Mrs Odle says: "We ha £23,000 worth of debts ou standing and simply could no get customers to pay the invoices. Rather than exten the company overdraft. and benefit from the other services it provides. Lon bard's stamp on the invok seems to make companies pa more quickly. I would say the 30 per cent of our custome; are now remitting their pa ments sooner than they di before we had a factor.

"Chasing invoices is vertime-consuming and frustra ing, I am now spered th

The improved cash flow ha enabled the Odles to buy adly needed computer an to lease further worksho

## Small business saver

The service gives an extra day for productive work

ope is shining through for the small through an inches taken the brunt of the recession. International Factors turnover of less than £250,000 are achieving record turnovers, with year-on-year in-creases as high as 30 per cent.

A survey by Lombard NatWest Commercial Services showed that small business clients had had an average growth rate of 33 per cent in ess than two years and were likely to grow by 46 per cent during the next 12 months. Paul Gee, the marketing and sales director, says an

extra working day per week and a 19 per cent improve-ment in trade debts collection are among the advantages of factoring for small businesses. He says credit control and sales ledger administration have cut the average working week of small business owners

from 72 hours to 63.

Tony Cox, the managing director of Venture Factors, says: "Despite the recession, there are still plenty of healthy. viable smaller businesses with excellent growth prospects if they receive proper financial support. They need to maximise their working capital and, in a number of cases. there will be a clear requirement for development capital in relatively modest sums that could make the difference between survival and success."

He says companies are tying up working capital in subsidising late-paying customers.

Mr Cox says there are some types of company that are likely to benefit:

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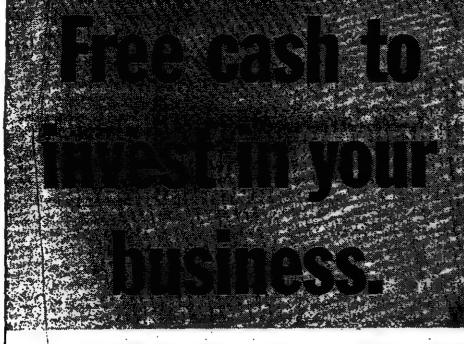
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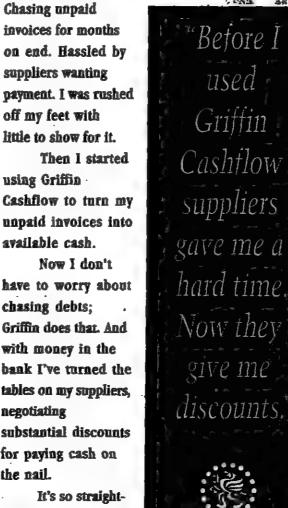
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## Power to hear press argument

ited the provision of reports on proceedings to which it related. Thus a judge or magistrate, asked to make such an order so as to

avoid the risk of prejudice, might need to perform a balancing

exercise see R v Beck, Er parte The Daily Telegraph ((1991) 94 Cr App R 376, 380).

There was no express statutory provision as to who could make representations in respect of the making and continuance of a

In a trial on indictment a newspaper publisher had the right of appeal with leave against such

an order, under section 159(1) of

No equivalent provision existed

summary trial, although a pub-lisher had a sufficient interest to

apply for judicial review (R v
Horsham Justices, Er parte
Farquharson (1982) QB 762),
and hc might be an "aggrieved"
person within section 111(1) of the
Magistrates' Courts Act 1980 and

statement of case on law or

His Lordship said that it was his practice when sitting in the crown

practice when stung in the cover court to hear any representations from the press and he believed the practice of other judges was the same: see Beck (pp381-382).

The advantages of the practice were plain. The prosecution and the defence would frequently share

a prime concern of the need to

protect the integrity of the present and future proceedings, and an application was often supported or

the Criminal Junten Act 1988.

section 4(2) order.

politan Stipendiary Magistrate, Ex parte The Telegraph ple and Others Before Lord Justice Mann and Mr

Budgment October 151

Any court, including a magistrate's Any court, including a fragistrate's court, had a discretionary power to hear representations from the press when the court was contemplating the making of or continuing of an order imposing reporting respictors under section 170 of the Contemps of Court Act (2) of the Contempt of Court Act

The Oueen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment when graming an application for, inter alia, a declaration that the stipendiary magistrate. Mr Christopher John Bourke, had power to hear representations from the ap-plicants, The Telegraph pilc. Guardian Newspapers Ltd. Newspaper Publishing plc, The Financial Times Ltd and Times Newspapers Ltd. on July 17 and August 4 that he should not make such an order in legal proceedings contemplated against Mr X.

Lord Williams of Mostyn. QC and Mr Andrew Nicol for the applicants; Mr Michael Hill, QC and Miss Isobel Ascherson for Mr X. interested party; Mr Nigel Pleming QC and Mr Paul Garlick for the Serious Fraud Office, ested party.

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that the Serious Fraud Office laid an information alleging that X committed an offence, contrary to section 2(13) of the Criminal Justice Act 1987, of failing without reasonable excuse to comply with the requirement, under section 2(2) of that Act, to answer ques-tions relevant to an investigation of

information in private. X, represented by counsel did not oppose the issue of a suramons but applied, with the prosecution's support for a section 4(2) order on the basis that he had already been charged with other offences arising from matters the Serious Frauc Office were investigating, and that any publication showing the proposed prosecution of the section 2(13) offence would involve a substantial risk of prejudice to the administration of justice.

The magistrate accorded to the in his court or further order.

When the applicants became aware of the order, they, together with publishers of other national newspapers were of opinion that the section 2(13) proceedings were a matter of public interest and they sought to make representations to

applicants, now legally repre-sented, submitted that the court had power to hear representations from them as to why the order

The magistrate accepted the submissions of X's counsel that the court had no power to hear anyone except the parties to the proceed-ings and he refused to hear the ress's representations.

Subsequently, a trial date was fixed for the hearing of the section

Justice Woolf and Lord Justice

Butler-Sloss) so held on September

father from the refusal by Judge

Hammerton, at Brighton County

Court, of an application that his

applications for a residence order

and for the appointment of a

guardian ad litem in relation to

three minors should be heard by

some other judge than the one who had initially heard and deter-

mined an application by their mother by granting to her their

## Judicial continuity

In re M (Minors)

In disposing of applications relating to the care and control of minors, judicial continuity was a positive advantage.

Since an unappealed judgment on an initial application formed the basis of subsequent applica-tions, a party dissatisfied by the former could not rely on findings therein, adverse to himself, in support of an application that some other judge should hear a

The Court of Appeal (Lard

application, issued the summons and made orders prohibiting publication of any matter relating to the case until determination of it

At a hearing before him the should be discharged.

2(13) charge. His Lordship said that the public

not opposed by the other party. had a legitimate and important The interest which a section 4(2) order would adversely affect was best represented by the news media serving in their capacity as interest in legal proceedings held in public and was therefore entitled to reports of all such proceedings. An order under section 4(2) of the 1981 Act necessarily inhibthe eyes and ears of the public; they could argue, for example, that there was really no necessity, or no substantial risk, or that the public interest in knowing should be

paramount in the circumstances. Lord Williams pointed to the abaurdity of the contrast between an inability to hear representations 24 in dismissing an appeal by a of the press on such an order and in the Divisional Court on a idicial review of any order made by magistrates he suggested that a solution was to treat the power to hear as inherent in the jurisdiction

Mr Hill, in submitting that such courts derived their power ex-pressly or impliedly from the Magistaries Courts Act 1980. for the parties to criminal and civil proceedings to be heard. He pointed out that the media

were not such a party and submit-ted that an inherent power in favour of other persons could be exercised only in respect of a person acting in place of a party to

the proceedings.
His Lordship did not consider that the confined terms in which locus standi was granted before such courts to be determinant of the issue before the court.

The media did not seek a right to be heard on the issue in the proceedings; rather that they should be the subjects of a power to hear on consideration of renoming

There was such a power in any court which was contemplating the exercise of powers under section 4(2). It was implicit in that section that a court contemplating its use should be enabled to receive assiscance from those who would, if there was no order, enjoy the right of making reports of proceedings before the court.

They were in particular the best qualified to represent that public interest in publicity which the court had to take into account when performing any balancing exercise in be underrinkers

The need properly to operate section 4(2) required that a court should be able to receive the best assistance available when considering the curtailment of the free-The power identified was a

discretionary one, and the occasion and manner of its exercise were matters for the court invested with

His Lordship expected that the power would ordinarily be ex-ercised when the media siled in be heard either on the making of an order or in regard to its continuance.
In practice it would be conve-

nient if the press could present a single view thereby avoiding any need for repetition by the court. The magistrate's conclusion was wrong and the court would grant a declaration accordingly. The case would be remitted to him for reconsideration so that an no order would be issued to quash his orders until he had made a decision on his reconsideration. Therefore his order of August 4 remained in

concurring judgment. Solicitors: Simon Olswang & Co: Russell Jones & Walker: Treasury

## Culpability in vehicle taking

Regius v Bird (Simon) Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth. Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice and

[Judgment October 19]

In judging the gravity of a case of aggravated vehicle taking, the most important of the statutory circumstances was the circumstance that the vehicle was driven dangerously on a road or other public place because that conerned the culpability of the driver. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, so held when delivering the judgment of the Court of Appeal, allowing in part an appeal against 15 months desention in a young offender

Simon Lee Bird, aged 17, of Coticy Road, Leicester, who pleaded guilty at Leicester Crown Court (Judge Young) to aggravated ve-hicle taking, contrary to section 12A of the Theft Act 1968, instated by the Aggravated Vehicle Taking Act 1992 and which came

No 764). Section 12A(I) provides that after a vehicle had been unlawfully taken, the new offence of ag-gravated whicle taking was committed if it was driven or damage was caused in one or more of the circumstances set out in paragraph (2), namely:

"(a) the vehicle was driven

dangerously on a road or other public place; (b) that, owing to the driving of the vehicle an accident occurred by which injusy was caused to any person; (c) that owing to the driving of the vehicle an accident occurred by which damage was caused to any propdamage was caused to the vehicle."
The maximum sentence following conviction on indicament was:

two years or live years if paragraph (b) applied and the accident caused Mr Mark Wyatt, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appealant.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the circumstances of the

paragraph (a), for that concerned the cupability of the driver, whereas the incidents of paragraphs (b) to (d) were, to some extent, manters of chance.

However, the fact that Parment had fixed a maximum of ferment that there is maintain to five years for death as opposed to two years for death, showed that the extent of the physical harm done was an aggravating scanne, if only to reflect public reaction to resiming or death emused by had maining or death caused by bad driving.

Aggravating features of the of-fence would be primarily the overall coloability of the driving-how bad and how long, and to a lesser extent, how much injury or Where drink played a part, no doubt, that would affect the dan-

percusness of the driving. If drink was a major facine, it would often be the subject of a separate charge.

As in other cases, a guilty piece showing contrition would be a mitigating feature. The youth of a defendant, however, would be less was primarily aimed at young offenders, among whom such activity had become so president. The appellant's driving had been appallingly dangerous for 15 miles, the car was driven at high speed and, apart from speed, there were numerous and viried incidents of dangerous triving going through red lights, driving on the wrong side of the road are

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in close programy to a chasing police car, which was damaged and a police officer in it injured. and a poute canter in a square.

The injury to the police officer was minor but the driving could well have resulted in much more serious injury not only to the officer but at any time during the 18 miles of the course course. of the car's estable course.

As the law stood when the As the 12w stood when the sentence was passed it was in no way exessive. However, the powers of the court had been car down by section 63(4) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, which came map affect on Conduct 1 effect on October 1. Had that Act applied the muni-

mum sentence on the appellant would have been 12 mounts ce would be reduced to 12

## No civil privilege against incrimination

Regina v Highbury Corner Justices, Ex parte Watkins Before Mr Justice Henry

Judgment October 81 Since failure to pay the poll tax was not a criminal offence, the privilege which allowed a person to refuse to answer questions which might be self incriminatory did not arrach to questions put by justices to establish the payer's means, as part of the procedure for enforcing the payment of poll tax.

in an enquiry into the means of recalcitrant poll tax payer, the sement of the council officer as to the amount outstanding had to be proved and was therefore susceptible to cross-examination.

Mr Justice Henry so held in the Queen's Bench Division when refusing the application of Phoebe Warkins for judicial review of the decision of Highbury Corner Justices refusing to allow her to have a friend to assist her in the presentation of her corn. In concernment tion of her case, to cross-examine the council's court officer as to his evidence of her indebtedness and to accept that she was entitled torefuse to answer questions as to her

Mr Hugo Chariton for the applicant, the justices did not

MRJUSTICE HENRY said tim applicant had failed to pay her poll tax and did not take up her opportunity to appeal against the liability order then made. As a result she was summonsed to appear before justices who were considering an application by the council for a warrant commit

her to prison. The litigant should have been mitted to have an adviser present within the terms laid down in R y Leicester Clty, Justices, Ex parte Barrow [The Times August 5, 1991; [1991] 2 QB 260). The fact that in the court's view the proceedings were simple and straightforward would not be a reason for denying the applicant the assistance she requested.

The applicant had not been allowed to cross-examine the councit's witness. It was not right to say, as the justices had, that the proceedings were merely a means

Before the justices got to the stage of enquiring into the debtor's means they were to be satisfied as to their jurisdiction and as at the amount outstanding and so had to

be entirely satisfied that the charg-

ing authority itsel sought to levy an amount by distress, that it appeared in the composit that in sufficient goods of the debut could be found on hitight to levy the amount outstanding. Both those things half to be possed and were assemble to challenge by cross-enumeration.

What Mass Wantins could not have done, which she appeared to wish to do, was fight again the battle abe had lost when the liability order had been made against her. Her apparatually, to contest it had arries and passed and the results of the cross-enumination would have been

examination would have been irrelevant and inadmissible for the purposes of judicial review.

reinsed to answer questions as to her means on the basis of the privilege created by section 1 of the Winnesses Act 180A and plained that she was unable to develop her argument that her answers might be self, learning

was right she distributed If the was right the she been allowed to refrise but the

Evidence Act 1961 which was declaratory of the constroin law. It was quite clear that the privilege applied only to criminal proceedings.

The proceedings inder regula-tion 41 of the Community Charges (Administration and Enforce-ment) Regulations SI 1989 No 438) were proceedings for unpaid are, the enquiry is to means exposed her to no proceedings for an offence because it was no crume to refose to pay politax any more than it had latterly been a crime not to pay rasis. Not did it expose her to proceedings for the recovery

While imprisonment was punishment, and soin that sense penal, the meaning of "penalty" in the statute and rule was something the statute and this vas something in the nature of a line: see Rio Timo Zine Corporation v Westinghouse. Electric Corporation 419781 AC 547, 56.565). So the suidential privilege against self hisrimination had no relevance to questions being saied in civil proceedings for the recovery of teneral by:

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## **European Law Report**

## Equal treatment directives not applicable to financial support schemes

Jackson and Another v Chief Adjudication Officer loined Cases C-63/91 and C-

64/91

Before: O. Due, President and Judges R. Joliet, F. A. Schockweller, G. F. Mancini, C. N. Kakouris, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, M. Diez de Velasco, J. L. Murray and D. A. O. Edward Advocate General: W. Van Gerven (Opinion May 15)

Judgment July 16 National benefit schemes which were intended to provide financial support for persons whose means were insufficient to meet their needs did not fall within the scope of the Community Directives on equal treatment for men and women in matters of social security

or access to vocational training. The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in replying to questions submitted to it by the Court of Appeal of England and Wales for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of

the EEC Treaty. At the time of the events giving rise to the main proceedings. Sonia Jackson, an unmarried unemployed and in receipt of supplementary allowance, a benefit introduced by the Supplementary Benefits Act 1976 for persons whose means were insufficient to meet their needs. in 1986 she started a vocational

training course arranged by the Manpower Services Commission, in respect of which she received a weekly allowance. Whereas under the regulations implementing the 1976 Act child-

minding expenses were in prin-ciple deductible from earnings rom employment, they were not deductible from allowances paid during vocational training organised by the MSC, a British statutory body responsible for vocational training.

The Adjudication Officer there-

fore withdrew her entitlement to supplementary allowance while ing her the right to deduct from her income the child-minding expenses which she incurred in respect of her child during her

period in training.
Patricia Cresswell, a divorced mother responsible for two young children, was unemployed and in receipt of income support which had been introduced by the Social Security Act 1986 (replacing the

anyone aged at least 18 whose income did not exceed a specified amount and who was not engaged in remunerative work. She then took up pan-time employment for less than 24 hours a week.

Under the regulations implementing the 1986 Act persons working less than 24 hours a week part-time work.

part-time job, reduced her income support but refused to deduct from her income the expenses for mind-ing her two children.

1976 Act) and was granted to for men and women in matters of

social security (OJ 1979. No L6 p24) and Council Directive men and women as regards access to employment, vocational train-

were not regarded as being in remunerative work and childminding expenses were not deductible from earnings from The Adjudication Officer, taking account of her income from her

In proceedings brought by Ms Jackson and Ms Cresswell against the United Kingdom authorities' refusal to take account of their child-minding expenses in determining their actual income, the Court of Appeal stayed the appeals and referred to the European Court for a preliminary ruling three questions on the interpretation of Council Directive 79/7/EEC of December 19, 1978 on the progressive implementation to the principle of equal treatment

76/207/EEC of February 9, 1976 on the implementation of the principle of equal treatment for

ing and promotion, and working litions (OJ 1976 No 1.39 p40). In its judgment the European Court of Justice ruled: Scope of Directive 79/7 In its first two questions the Court of Appeal sought essentially

to establish whether article 3(1) of Directive 79/7 was to be interpreted as applying to a benefit, such as supplementary allowance or income support, which might be granted in a variety of personal situations to persons whose means were insufficient to meet their needs as defined by statute, and whether the answer to that question depended on whether the claimant was suffering from one of the risks listed in article 3 of the

Directive According to the wording of article 3(1), the directive applied to statutory schemes which provided protection against the risks of sickness, invalidity, old age, ac-cidents at work and occupational

those schemes. However, article 3(1)(a) of Direc-

tive 79/7 did not refer to a statutory scheme which, on certain conditions, provided persons with means below a legally defined limit with a special benefit de-signed to enable them to meet their

That finding was not affected by the circumstance that the recipient of the benefit was in fact in one of the sinumons covered by article 3(1) of the Directive.

Consequently, exclusion of a benefit from the scope of Directive 79/7 was justified where, as in the cases at issue in the main procee ings, the law set the amount of the theoretical needs of the persons concerned, used to determine the benefit in question, independently of any consideration relating to the existence of any one of the risks listed in article 3(1) of the

Moreover, in certain situations, in particular those of the appellants in the main proceedings, the national schemes at issue excrupted claimants from the obligation to be available for work. That showed that the benefits in ques-

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In its third question the Court of Appeal essentially sought to estab-lish whether Directive 76/207 was to be interpreted as applying to a social security scheme, such as supplementary allowance or income support, simply because the conditions of entitlement for receipt of the benefits might be such as to affect the ability of a single parent to take up access to voca-

Article 1(2) of the Directive provided that with a view to ensuring the progressive im-plementation of the principle of equal treatment in matters of social security, the Council, acting on a proposal from the Comm would adopt provisions defining its substance, its scope and the arrangements for its application. The Court had interpreted that provision as meaning that Directive 76/207 was not intended to apply in social security matters: see Case 192/85 Newstead v Depart-

ment of Transport [The Times. December 30, 1987; [1987] ECR

Nevertheless, in view of the fundamental importance of the principle of equality of treatment, the Court had made it clear that the exception to the scope of the Directive was to be interpreted strictly: see Case 152/84 Marshall

Southampton and South-West Hampshire Area Health Authority (The Times February 27, 1986; [1986] ECR 723).
It followed that, because of the risk of detracting from the objective of Directive 76/207, a scheme of benefits could not be excluded from the scope of the directive solely because, formally, it was part of a national social security system. Nevertheless, such a scheme would fall within the scope of that Directive only if its subject-matter

was access to employment, includ-ing wocational training and promotion, or working conditions. However, as had already been stated in answering the first ques-tion, national benefit schemes such as those at issue in the main proceedings were intended to provide income support for persons with insufficient means to meet their needs.

Consequently, the assertion that the method of calculating claim-

ants' actual earnings, which were used as the basis for determining the amount of the benefits, might affect sole mothers' ability to take up access to vocational training or part-time employment, was not sufficient to bring such schemes within the scope of Directive 76/207.

On those grounds, the Court Article 3(1) of Directive 79/7/EEC was to be interpreted as not apply to a benefit, such as supplementary allowance or in-come support, which might be granted in a variety of personal situations to persons whose means were insufficient to meet their needs as defined by statute; that answer did not depent on whether the claimant was sufering from

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# Good riddance, Columbus



Gérard Depardieu in 1492: Conquest of Paradise, playing Columbus in the "false, blurred image of a pacifist visionary out of step with his time's cruel temper"

o the secret is out at last. Christopher Columbus was French. At least, Gérard Depardicu gives that strong impression in 1492: Conquest of Paradise, the biggest and the last of this ar's tedious Columbus movies. Still relatively umpractised at speaking English on screen, Depardieu lends a Gallic flourish to every line of his ample dialogue, even a line as American-

ised as "You want a war? Finel" He looks the part, though. Where George Corraface turned Columbus into a well-scrubbed sex symbol for the Salkinds' silly Christopher Columbus: the Discovery, Depardieu goes for the natural look. The body is bulky; the hair has never seen comb or scissors; the nose seems more knobbly than ever. You feel you might find George Corraface executing the tango in a Lisbon nightchib; Departien belongs at the prow of a ship, assailed by winds and mutineers, pushing

forward mankind's frontiers. Curiously, Depardieu leaves port with the Niña, the Pinta and Santa. María only to sail into a dramatic mill-pond. Since the director of this lavish French-Spanish-British enterprise is Ridley Scott, there is never a shortage of visual drama: every frame contains more than its share of smoke, mist, rain, fire, or sunlight shafts cutting a path through forest verdure. But where is the tension? Backed by Queen Isabel (Sigourney Weaver, making up for her Alien's skinhead look with huxurious tresses trailing to her waist), Columbus sails to the New World, discovers some nice Indians, and then returns, with remark-

ably little fuss all round. Once Columbus sets out again to consolidate Spain's colonial grip, dramatic conflict finally surfaces in Roselyne Bosch's Michael script. Wincott's Moxica, a nobleman ogre always in black, rasps

imprecations, slices off an Indian's hand, and sparks civil war. The weather turns foul, and the special effects men leap into overdrive. reducing Norris Spencer's fine sets to rubble and mud. But the fireworks come too late into the two and a half hours to lift the narrative from its torpor.

Characterisations accentuate the film's problems. Depardicu's ability to convey passionate commit-ment goes for little when the script never gets to grips with the explorer's motives, but coasts along with a false, blurred image of a pacifist visionary out of step with his time's cruel temper. Weaver looks striking, yet the plot leaves her dan-gling; only Armand Assante can make any sharp impression as Sanchez, wily treasurer to the Spanish crown. Next time moviemakers want to join a marketing. junket and salute a centenary, they had better make sure they have an interested audience, and a story

worth telling.

There is definitely an audience for Woody Allen's remarkable Husbands and Wives: the British distributors were so sure of its lure that they rushed the film into the release spot originally designed for Allen's previous venture, Shadows and Fog, a black-and-white homage to German Expressionist cinema. For that we must now wait

until next year. Audiences wanting to find art imitating real life, or at least tabloid newspapers, will be kept very busy.

1492: Conquest of Paradise (Empire, 15) Husbands and Wives (Lumière, Gate, 15) Prague (Minema, MGM Trocadero, 12) Buffy the Vampire Slayer (Plaza, 12)

> The film begins with a New York couple. Sydney Poliack and Judy Davis, nonchalantly announcing their break-up. The camera, lurching and probing like a video carncorder perched on a shoulder, then documents its ripple effect on the troubled marriage of Alien's own character, a literature professor, and his wife, Mia Farrow. "Do you ever hide things from

me?" she asks, plainly worried. Later, Allen admits that fantasies about young pupils are common among professors; to prove the point, he drifts into a platonic affair with one of his own students. The film jangles with emosed nerves, accusations and acid one-liners. Few prove more wounding than Farrow's line, "You use sex to express every emotion except love."

et there is far more to the

film than these surface parallels with Allen and Farrow's domestic troubles. Thanks to sharp writing and some superb ensemble playing. Husbands and Wives sucks in the viewer the way few recent Allen films have managed. Carlo Di Palma's rough-edged camerawork disconcerts at first and remains an occasional imitant (what is gained, for instance, by the camera swooping down to stare at floorboards?). But it thrusts us straight into these fractured Manhattan lives, beautifully realised by Allen's cast. Judy Davis is particularly magnificent as the brittle sophisticate Sally; only Juliette Lewis disappoints as the naive yet manipulative student Rain, Allen's phantom of desire.

On now to Prague, lan Sellar's wispy follow-up to his Orkney reverie Venus Peter. which won many friends three years ago. Sellar admits that he wrote the script without knowing where his story was heading. Unfortunately it shows, for the three main characters — a callow young Scot, a sensuous film archive assistant, and the archive boss rattle round the Czech capital with

little of significance to do. The Scot (an appealing puppydog performance from newcon Alan Cumming) has arrived to find film footage of his family; the days become filled with bureaucratic delays, romance and deception. Since the triangle's other sides are Bruno Ganz and Sandrine Bonnaire (making her English-language debut). Prague proves relatively painless to watch; but it remains a low-calorie Europudding.

Sellar sculpts striking scenes and lets the Prague setting work its magic, assisted by Darius Khondji, the cameraman of Delicatessen The scenes, though, never build, and the film, which struggles to say something meaningful about personal and national identities, collapses into its constituent parts: pretty pictures, wry comedy, and

expert actors at a loose end. 'All I want to do is graduate from high school, go to Europe, marry Christian Slater, and die!" Kristy Swanson coos in Buffy the Vampire Slayer. But fate, in the shape of Donald Sutherland, has other plans for the shapely cheerleader who can rarely navigate a sentence without saying "Oh, wow" or "Totally". Now she must learn somersaults, kicks, and get the knack of sinking a stake into a man's heart - all to combat Rutger Hauer and his vampire band.

The film-makers wasted few resources on this witless confection. The lighting is particularly perfunctory; while director Fran Rubel Kuzui stages the action in the most artiess manner possible. Rutger Hauer usually gives good value even in trash, but Joss Whedon's script throws him meagre crumbs, and gives better material to sidekick Paul Reubens. The film makes a botch of its varnpire comedy, but at least pokes fun at the vacuous "valley girls", born to shop, drone and bitch.

Building on the box-office success of the hideous Akira, the ICA Cinema presents from monorrow a two-week season of Japanese cartoons, entitled Manga! Manga! Manual These are not for those in love with flopsy bunnies. Just glance at some titles: Robot Carnival, Twilight of the Cockroaches, Urotsukidoji: Legend of the Overfiend. Stylistically tethered to their comic-strip origins, the films typically present a lurid, postapocalyptic world of mutants and galactic thugs, though a few gentler offerings have crept in on tiptoe.

Children would be better served at halfterm by the Children's London Film Festival, at the National Film Theatre (071-928 3232) beneath Waterloo Bridge, from Saturday. This rounds up good clean fare from Canada. Britain and all points east. New Zealand's Moonrise, a vampire comedy with Al Lewis from The Munsters, launches proceedings in rollicking style.

#### West End producer to break Sunday silence

WHY don't West End theatres open on Sundays, when London's concert halls, galleries and cinemas are pulling in the punters? The question was asked a few weeks ago on these pages by Benedict Night-ingale, the Times theatre critic, who pointed out that Broadway does good business on a Sunday and that several British regional theatres are also successfully experimenting.

Now the force of sweet reason seems to be prevailing. When the touring production of Irving Berlin's Annie Get Your Gun reaches the West End this autumn, it will play Sunday matinees instead of Monday evenings, the first time a big West End musical has opened with a performance schedule inchiding Sunday afternoons. "It comes as a direct response to a perceived public demand and an article by Benedict Nightingale in The Times," says Annie's producer, Ronald S. Lee. With Kim Criswell in the title role the show opens at the Prince of Wales on November 25, and Lee is offering cut-price children's tickets at Sunday matinees up to Christmas.

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KARAOKE opera — it had to come. The record company Pickwick Classics has released an album containing 16 of the most famous operatic arias, from the Toreador's Song to "Nessun dorma", minus the vocal parts. Those determined to inflict injury on themselves and others by imitating the Pavarotti top B or the Caballé coloratura may now do so with all the benefit of full orchestral accompaniment.

A complementary album has the same arias plus the solo voices (up and coming young British singers). and there is an accompanying booklet with the texts in English and the original languages. Heaven help the publicans of Romford if it catches on.

♠ AT THE embattled Royal Opera House they are under fire again, this time from disabled patrons who say new ticket prices will force them out of the house. Seat prices for the "semi-ambulant" gone from £16.50 to a £27.50-£49 price band. "This means, simply, that disabled people on low in comes, in other words, most disabled people, can no longer afford to attend," says Artsline, the information service for the

Disabled patrons cannot choose to pay £4.75 for a ticket in the Upper Slips because seats there are inaccessible to wheelchair users, and there are only two wheelchair spaces available for £16.50, out of 2.098 seats. A demonstration outside Covent Garden on Tuesday night coincided with a performance of Porgy and Bess an apt choice, given that Porgy is

wheelchair-bound. An opera house spokeswoman said that prices had been pegged for four years and an increase had

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become inevitable. "Sadly, people who are on low incomes for ; number of reasons are not alway able to afford seat prices," sh

#### Cheers for someone

A £10,000 prize is being offered to the British film voted the mos popular by audiences attending next month's London Film Festi val. The money, put up by Tennents Gold Bier, will be used t boost the chosen film's advertisinbudget when it is released commer cially in Britain. "This will give a least one British film a bette chance of reaching a wider aud-ence," said Sheila Whitaker, th festival director, while David Putmam hailed the award a nothing less than "a sea-change i the relationship between film-mal ers and their audiences".

Kenneth Branagh, meanwhile has called it "an excellent idea" which is not surprising, really, sinc Branagh's own latest film Peter Friends, which will be screened a the festival on November 5, has fair chance of picking up the cash



David Puttnam: "sea-change' coming in British cinema?

#### Last chance . . .

THE Saw Doctors have bee described as a combination of th Beatles, the Byrds, the Pogues an Madness, and less flatteringly a designer bogmen". From Tuan Co Galway, they extract maximus mileage from their cultural her tage on their latest album, All Th Way From Tuam. But their twang guitar, Hammond organ, roots mandolin-based music, energy an good humour have built up consid erable appeal on this side of th Irish Sea as well. Their tour end with shows at the Bierkeller, Briste (0272 268514) tonight an Brixton Academy, London SW (071-326 1022) on Saturday.

## Silent witnesses to a golden age



Delightful: Virginia Davis in Alice's Wild West Show (1924)

eople attend film festivals for many different reasons. You may go to discover new talent, mingle with stars, catch up on the tastiest Bulgarian productions, or acquire a suntan. But the people who flock to Le Giornate del Cinema Muto, held in the friendly Italian town of Pordenone, have one purpose in mind. They are scholars, collectors, archivists and enthusiasts, come together to share a passion for silent cinema.

In the best of years, something remarkable occurs at these "Days of Silent Film" you can watch film history change before your eyes. This happened three years ago when the treasure chest of prerevolutionary Russian cinema was prised open to astonished eyes. It also happened in 1988, when every day brought major American feanures of the teens, long unseen, dancing onto the screen.

This year was not quite the bestthe main retrospective, devoted to the French company Eclair, drove some of the most dedicated scholars out into the cinema foyer to bide their time. Eclair, formed in 1907. built a strong reputation for its camera equipment (still manufactured today) and its distribution network; but for imaginative film-

making, the surviving output compares poorly with the work of its rivals Pathé and Gaumont. The organisers' programming also test-ed the audience's powers of endurance one evening's session, more than three hours long, consisted entirely of 23 shorts. Yet nobody would have wished

themselves elsewhere for a moment. For around the corner, some marvel or fascinating curio always lurked. Most could be found in the retrospective devoted to Frank Borzage, the lyrical director of 7th Heaven, Street Angel and many varied, uneven talkies. He was at his prime in the late Twenties, creating films marked by skilful acting (particularly from the ladies), an exquisite composition sense, and a tender awareness of the heart's afflictions.

7th Heaven, Borzage's greatest triumph, is a moving hymn to the power of love, set in Paris around the first world war, its power survived Paul Robinson's controversial score performed live by the Harmonie Band, which created a striking musical mix of Kurt Weill and John Adams, but missed the pathos of Jamet Gaynor and Charles Farrell's romance. Predictably, there was not even a squeak of

"Diane", the vastly popular song that rang through the original synchronised soundtrack.

7th Heaven, however, was an old friend. Other Borzage films proved wonderful discoveries. The Circle, based on Somerset Maugham's play about elopement, revealed the director's ability to steer light comedy towards serious matters without ever tripping up.

Two tribulations down-the-decades stories, Secrets and The Lady, showed their star Norma Talmadge as a formidable actress, who never milked the emotions despite constant encouragement from her scripts. The earliest films screened - lively Westerns, strong on character - also demonstrated Borzage's skills as an actor: with his friendly face and curly hair, the screen lost an engaging personality when he retreated behind the

Yet even Borzage would probably fade when pitted next to Virginia Davis, a delightful child performer who appeared as Alice, a live-action interloper in Walt Disney's earliest silent cartoons. She came to Pordenone to watch the films she made as a little gui nearly 70 years ago; she remains petite and still imbued with a child's high spirits.

cameras for good in 1918.

The Disney retrospective proved particularly fascinating. As the days passed and the films unrolled, you could watch Disney's confidence grow as he moved his business from Kansas City to Hollywood, developing a repertoire of gags and characters. These films are not astoundingly imaginative: repetition quickly sets in, and Julius, the perky cat who uses his tail as anything from a catapult to a question mark, clearly treads in the footsteps of Felix, created by Otto Messmer in 1919. But there is something irresistible in fish, bears and farmyard animals doing the shiramy (Disney's menagene is very much of the Jazz Age); and Fernand Schirren's foot-stomping piano accompaniments admirably mirrored the cartoons' ebullience.

Next year, Pordenone promises a grand round-up of product from 1913, a momentous year which saw the film industry begin to take recognisable shape. It will be a momentous year for the festival too. as its home base, the wonderful art deco Cinema Verdi, will be closed for redevelopment. But wherever it is based, the faithful will flock to see cinema's treasures revealed.



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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment complied by Kari Knight

command of the most demanding of all Verdi's dramatic soprano roles, that of Leondra; Edmund Sarham is at his best as Don Alvaro, and John Connell, Arma Mana Owers and Lincoltes Surgery. Mane Owens and Jonathan Surrimers make a fine supporting casi. Collegum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-835 3161), 7pm.

FRANK MARTIN: Long one of Britain's most respected wood-engravers and book illustrators. Martin has his fess book flustrators, Martin has his fess insubstant as now married up in this substant of his new show. "It's Only Hollywood. But I Like N" he is obsessed by the stars, the settings the whole plannorsus emberoe of Thimos hollywood and translates his vision of hem into delicate and infricate colour etchings or elaborately delaited drawings and watercolours. The Arthum Gallery, Whiteleya, Queensway, W2 (071-229 8844). Daily during mail opening hours, until Oct 27.

REGIONAL Royal Ballet gives the first performance this season of The Snow Queen, David this season or his action classes between Smilley's actionful lable respired by the Andersen tale of the exit Queen and his quest for an innocent child to warm her arche langdom. Tongfit's opening right cast is headed by Saman Said as the glamorous Snow Queen Hippodrome, Hurs: Street (021-622

7496), tonight-Set, 7 30pm, met Set, 2.30pm.

BIRMINGHAM: The Toronty Strike Sarder, led by the falented Scother samphonist, promotes Smith's bistering new album, Paris. Adrian Bouth Hall, Birmingham (021-. 236 2052), Thurs. 7 45pm BOURNEMOUTH: The Bo

SOURMEASURITY: The Bostmannouth Symphony Orchestra and a host of solutists pay Inbuse to Sir Charles Groves, who died earlier this year, with a performance of Verdi's Requiette. Andrew Litton conducts, Winter Gendens, Eveter Flood (1202 297297, 1 30rum

GLASGOW: A www and powerk. staging by Philip Provise of Tennessi Williams's Sweet Bird of Youth: a tier and an ageing mon lace ugly truths. Citizens. Gorbais (041-423 0022). tonight-Sun, 7 30pm, until No MANCHESTER: Conductor Stanishin MANICHESTER Conductor Standard Strowgorsels chooses to contract Beethover's Fifth Plano Concerto with Bruckner's Softh Symphopy in a programme performed by the Halbili Orchestre. Planest Joseph Kalichstein the solent

(051-834 1712), 7 30pm.

MANCHESTER: A large-scale production of James Baldwin's harrowing drams of racel murder, Baues for Mater Charlie Nicholas Lit Prevast, David Schofeld, Palerson Joseph head the cast Rioyal Exchange, St Ann's Squere (051-833 9833) Opera tanight, 7 30pm, then Mon-Thurs, 7 30pm, Fn. Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2 30pm, Sat 4pm Unit November 14.

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IN THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Terrific performance by Aleo Steadman as the raucous stattem in Jun Cartwinght's play about dreams, shyness and homble methers. A Nasonal Theatre production Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 5404) Mon-Sat, 8pm. mat Sat. 4pm.

☐ SHADES; Patrice Hodge takes over the role of brave widow hoping for remamage in Sharman Macdonald's brite-sweet diama. Touching moments but delivers less than 4 promises Albery, St Martin s Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mais Thurs, 2pm, Sat, 4pm, 120mms.

SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION: Stockard Charanno as the rich New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guere's line play on human inter-dependence Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-987 1045) Mon-Sat. 8pm, mate Wed, 3pm, Sat. 4pm 90mins

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## Spinning an adventurous web



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Spider Woman (Chita Rivera, top) with Molina (Brent Carver, left) and Valentin (Anthony Crivello). Drawing by Bîll Hewison

THE very worst ideas for musicals can sometimes turn out to be the very best. Who would have suspected that a superlative show could be based on the story of a psychopath who cuts hair and throats for a living, or might be derived from a battle between the forces of revenge and mercy amid the political turbulence of 19th-century France? There were times last night, several of them, when I wondered if John Kander and Fred Ebb had not pulled off a comparably improbable feat.

Improbable, because Kander and Ebb, composer and lyricist respectively. are mostly known for the light stuff: a Chicago or a Zorba. Improbable, because their Kiss of the Spider Woman is based on a book that would seem as congenial a musical prospect as Dorfman's play about the aftermath of torture, Death and the Maiden.

Manuel Puig's novel concerns the affection that warily burgeons between two men, one a homosexual windowdresser, the other a door revolutionary. in a South American prison within whose bloodstained cellars horrible things occur. And as anyone who has tottered wet-eyed from Spider Woman the movie will not need reminding, it ends in a way even Sweeney Todd and Les Misérables do not.

Nor is it only the content that breaks Broadway and West End rules. The style makes improbable demands, too. When the musical was in workshop in New York two years ago, its creators reportedly made much of the movies whose stories Molina, the homosexual, relates to Valentin, the radical. The result seems to have been a lot of glossy production numbers that swamped the intimate rale at the show's centre.

Now Kander, Ebb and their librettist. Terrence McNally, have committed themselves much more forthrightly to that story, pushing Molina's fantasies to the sidelines. Can a big musical be sustained in such a way?

As Hal Prince directs it, indeed it can. With Chita Rivers clambering down towering grey prison bars in her cobweb-covered bodysuit, and striking tantalisingly arachnoid attitudes behind the protagonists, there is no lack of spectacle. But again and again the Kiss of the Spider Woman **Shaftesbury** 

proscenium arch shrinks, those bars dwindle to a single cell, and Brent Carver's Molina and Anthom Crivello's Valentin hold the stage. Each gives the kind of unshowy but emotionally true performance seldom found in

musicals. Crivelio thaws towards the end. and thaws touchingly, but much of the time he is as scrawnily surly and aggressive as so alienated a man should be Carver's wild, gypsy-like look and camp manner hide a real capacity for both pain and love somehow he contrives to be raddled and sensitive. streetwise and innocent, old and young, and, by the end, unaffectedly

The fantasies into which he helps Valentin escape are often a bit cursory. Suddenly Rivera, who plays his ideal dream-woman throughout, appears in pink furs, or a purple gown, or greenyellow feathers, leaping about an exotic rainforest with energetic Indians. She is able to make a bit more of a Russian torch-singer who dies defending her revolutionary lover, and still more of the omnipresent spider woman, symbol of the ultimate escape, death. But, for all her dancing and singing skills, she makes no very emphatic impression. The most potent spectacle is more realistic and more painful: prison scenes in which a sneering warden spies from on high as raging prisoners watch their tortured kith and kin, or sing of making it over the wall, or are shot trying to do so.

Yet that is, isn't it, a sign of the show's adventurousness. Kander and Ebb's songs do not always rise to the emotional occasion, though they are capable of some lively Latin American pastiche, some sweetly sour love songs and the occasional burst of driving, dissonant anger. But their integrity and courage are not in doubt. This is a show that sacrifices neither a serious subject to entertainment nor entertainment to a serious subject: a feat to respect and enjoy.

CONCERTS: Reviews of performances in London, and Rattle's Wagner in Birmingham

## European unity alive and well at the Barbican

EVEN Nikolaus Harnoncourt misfires occasionally, as we heard at the beginning of last Saturday's Barbican concert, in which he conducted the Chamber Orchestra of Europe. Perhaps weighed down by the laurels justly gathered for their refreshing recordings of Beethoven's symphonies. the partnership failed to ignite that composer's First Symphony.

There were the customary fastish stressed accent, a particular point in the phrasing, or a sleight of orchestral balance reminded us of the alchemy often experienced before. The impeccable ensemble in that tricky opening to the finale, moreover, was a miraculous touch that nobody could miss, and generally the COE played together with all the finesse one expects - as fine a symbol of European unity as any pro-Maastricht politician could wish

UNLIKE many a conductor today who

would be content to take Wagner's

Ring into the theatre or recording studio, learning as he went, Simon

Rattle is proceeding with admirable conscientiousness. Two and a half

years ago, he conducted Act III of Die Walkure at the Festival Hall. On

Tuesday night he tackled Act I with the

City of Birmingham Symphony Or-

chestra in the Symphony Hail,

Rattle negotiated the central prob-

iem of concert-hall Wagner more

successfully than either Tennstedt or

Sinopoli in recent months. The prob-

lem is that of conveying the sense of the

Birmingham.

for. Yet for some reason these things added up to nothing extraordinary.
Only afer the interval, with Schumann's "Rhenish" Symphony, did the concert really take flight. Magnificence is the subject of this work and magnificence—though sometimes of a rather frantic kind— is what this

performance had. Harnoncourt man-

aged to sustain a mood of elation beside the grand solemnity which can Between these works Marieke Blankestijn played, with just the COE's strings, the so-called Second Violin Concerto in G major, purportedly by Haydn. She gave it with a

lovely warm sound and secure athleticism. Even so, it surely demanded a touch more light and shade, elements that were present in abundance in Monica. Huggett's more fragile - and thus

stage directions and maintaining dra-

matic momentum during the many

moments of stasis. Rattle knows just

how to link the fragmented strands to

give the impression of a continuous

To cast Rita Hunter and John

Mitchinson - neither in the first flush

of youth - as Sieglinde and Siegmund may seem to be placing yet further strain on dramatic credibility. But

Hunter still has the metallic gleam in

her voice, the flash of steel, that so

thrilled us in the Goodall Ring of the

Seventies. And both singers phrase

with a subtlety heard too rarely in

Wagner. Mitchinson seemed to tire in

more tantalising - reading of Men-delssohn's Violin Concerto with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlighten-ment at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on Monday. Though Huggett had to fight for her virtuosity rather than overcoming all problems with apparent ease, this was essentially a noncombative performance, infused with a soft mellowness.

The conductor, Sir Charles ras, lent plenty of life and charm to the two pieces surrounding the concerto: Mozart's brief, Italianstyle Symphony No 32 and a rare and colourful Schubert overture, Der vierjährige Posten. I loved the use of oboes and horns at the beginning. Schubert's Fourth Symphony could, however, have possessed more weight and sprung a few more surprises.

STEPHEN PETTITT

the latter stages, but both were clearly attuned to Rattle's care for detail. Sadly, with heads buried in scores, they struck few dramatic sparks between them, Manfred Schenk projected a more baleful presence as Hunding, even if his tone was not ideally focused. Once the love duet took off, however, Rattle's glowing, passion-ate conducting carried the day. The blaze of brass as Siegmund extracted the sword from the tree was electrifying, and the final pages aptly mirrored the lovers' intoxicated ecstasy. A Rattle

Ring would be a tantalising prospect. BARRY MILLINGTON

HAY COOKING

STRINGS and wind were given separate identities in Tuesday's London Philharmonic programme conducted by Franz Welser-Most. He chose works with an abundance of charm to display each group as appetisers to the two halves of the programme, although the violes might wonder at being left out by Rossini from his diverting Sonata No 3 in C.

The other strings responded with a meatier substance of Brahms, where Radia Lupu was a soloist of true distinction in the D Minor Piano Concerto. He grasped the majestic first movement with vigour, scattering great handfuls of double octaves with a sure sense of purpose. Then he turned introspective in the Adagio, and ended with an emberant finale.

Wind instruments came into their own in the beguiling Serenade, Op 7, reminding us that Richard Strauss at 18 was already a composer of marked (and marketable) talent. The pairs of woodwind with four horns and a contra-bassoon were moulded here with a deft touch that avoided any tendency to heaviness.

Full orchestral resources were deployed in The Miraculous Mandarin. the lurid pantomime-ballet by Bartók that always fares better in concert than in the theatre, where the lop-sided structure ending in a fugal chase is an invariable trap to the choreographer. Welser-Möst kept tight control over marrative incident and character, and conveyed them with rhythmic vitality.

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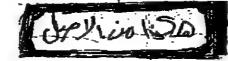
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Andrew Gibbon Williams welcomes a political initiative that brings European artists together in a project to brighten the streets of Edinburgh

Scotland basks in a European light

t sometimes seems as if Edinburgh is over-compensating for the philistine sins of John Knox. No sooner has the Festival packed its bags than the city plunges into another cultural jamboree. This week a series of art events under

the highfalutin banner "Lux Europae" (Light of Europe) gets underway. The excuse this time is the European Arts excuse this time is the European Arts Festival, and the prime minister's decision to hold the European Heads of Government summit in the city this December. With the prospect of the world's media focusing on the Scottish capital, Isabel Vasseur, the impresario behind "Lux Europeae", saw an opportunity too good to

Europae", saw an opportunity too good to miss: why not illuminate Edinburgh's remarkable architectural and geological features? Better still, why not invite installation artists from the 12 community states to do it for war? ity states to do it for you?

Thanks to a generous contribution from John Drummond's European Arts Fund, Vasseur has repeated her Glasgow Garden Festival success of four years ago by transforming Edinburgh. At least during the hours of darkness. Such a project, of course - especially open invitation to artists to lodge their tongues firmly in their checks, if not to poke them out in open defiance. And

cynicism is the key component in several of the glowing manifestations scattered around Edinburgh.

Most blatant in this respect is a huge. coloured neon sign mounted atop New St Andrew's House, one of the buildings where all those edicts from Whitehall are implemented. Outsize letters spell out the legend EUROPEAN HEADS: the word HEADS is upside down. This comment on topsy-turvy political logic comes from one of the Scots included among the 38 contributors, the conceptual artist lan

Hamilton Finlay.

A more oblique barb directed at the summitteering to take place in Holyroodhouse Palace has been mounted by the Italian artist Maurizio Nannucci



Work in situ: the installation by the Dutch artist Titus Noite on Calton Hill

Bank Hotel, halfway down the Royal Mile. As the limousines speed down Edinburgh's ancient high street, their occupants will be reminded that there is more to life than Maastricht and the ERM; "Let's Talk About Art", Nannucci's unavoidable sign proclaims.

The two most conspicuous installations, however, are whimsical rather than moralistic in tone. The metal structures which line Private and which are which line Princes Street and which, at this time of year, are usually being prepared for Christmas trees, have been adapted by the Glasgow artist Adrian Wiszniewski to carry giant neon fairies; while, on the dramatic rocky protuberance of Calton Hill, the pediments of the Royal Observatory have been emblazoned with abstract neon medallions by the Dutch artist Titus Nolte. From the building's dome an extraordinarily pow-erful "sky tracker" beam tracks across the

Whatever the artistic merits of such works, at least the artists have taken advantage of the locations Edinburgh offers. With others, however, it seems as if their creators have missed the point by reproducing gallery art at street level.

Nicola von Skepgardh's Blue Fields on Hunter Square comprises glass spheres placed over the skylights of one of Edinburgh's subterranean public conveniences. The effect is less than showstopping, and the work has already been subjected to some grassroots art criticism; a number of Skepgardh's spheres are very probably, now sitting on local

No such event in Edinburgh, however. would be complete without an element of censorship. A work by the German artist Bernhard Prinz which involves images of pouting - though clothed - fashion-plate models was not to the liking of Scottish Widows Life Assurance. Prinz was forbidden to install it on their building in St Andrew Square and was forced to find another location.

Lux Europae opens today and continues in Edinburgh until January 5

# Next stage in the dame plan

Kit Hesketh-Harvey, the loquacious half of Kit and the Widow, has revamped a Norwegian rock opera for the West End. Jeremy Kingston tries to get a word in

cabaret performer, screenwriter and now librettist for a West End rock opera, is generally photographed wearing white tie and tails. That is how he presents himself when play-ing the more talkarive half of the cabaret duo Kit and the Widow: urbane and sharp as a

carving-knife.

"White tle, yes. When the management wanted a picture of me without a tie, we couldn't find one anywhere. So there I am in the pro-gramme, looking like Edith Sitwell again."

Well, not quite. He has the same high, aquiline nose but not the prevish mouth nor the acid stare that could reduce uppity journalists to junket. Even so, it is refreshing and unexpected to find him

wearing a crumpled grey shirt that was evidently not bought in Jermyn Street. And unlike the Dame, he raised no objection to being photographed in bright daylight, outside the Piccadilly Theatre

opens tonight.

Billed as an "operamusical", this is the brainchild of two Norwegian rock-pop artistes who used to perform under the name Dollie De Luxe and first composed the show as a concert piece five years ago.
One of this bright pair,
Benedicte Adrian, plays the
lead and the other, Ingrid Biornov, conducts. Ole Sorli, also Norwegian, is the producer. Two other significant roles are sung by Norwegians but the rest of the production team is British and includes Piers Haggard, the director, and Richard Hudson, designer.

"The musical is based on a true story in the Malleus Maleficorum, the dreadful 16th-century guidebook on witches, about an Italian girl who falls in love with a German bishop. He brings her back to Heidelberg where the bishop's sister and the community bring a charge of

witchcraft against her. The show is a sort of bible in Scandinavia. The Norwegian government is backing it. The first encounter I had with it was when they flew me out to Oslo for the Midsummer Concert, which of course takes place at about three in the morning and it's still daylight.

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The main part of the piece is set on Midsummer Ever a great witching time in Norse mythology. They did the show in this sports stadium to which 21,000 people came - all of them blonde — with the girls wowing them to the rathers. Well, there weren't any rafters because it was open-air. But demographically, with the population of Norway one tenth of Britain's, this was the

Stadium about seven times. "I was brought in to do a spot of revamping on the lyrics, though to say I am the lyricist is deeply inaccurate. I'm really a librettist, if anything, because a complete set of lyrics — albeit in a sort of Abba-English — already existed. Abba-English? The best example I can think of, though

equivalent of filling Wembley

'A complete set of lyrics for the show already existed, albeit in a sort of Abba-English

> it isn't from this show, is 'See that girl, watch that scene, Digging the dancing queen', which is a wonderful Scandinavian perception of what English could be like, but doesn't quite hold up. So I'm just ironing out that sort of problem, writing rock lyrics which is a field I've not worked

"I had a cathedral education, and when you're singing Evensongs six nights a week the lyrics (sic) get changed just to make your neighbours laugh, I suppose.
"It was the most brilliant

musical training you could possibly have. You become a professional musician by the age of 13. You learn how words, albeit ecclesiastical words, sit on a phrase, what vowels can be sung, what vowels can't be sung. All the things you later learn have technical names you're just absorbing with the Communion Rite. I was a choral scholar at school and a choral scholar at Cambridge, so words and music, and the ways words and music come

together, always mattered.
"I'd read English at Clare but really spent my time doing Gilbert and Sullivan, whom I adore. Southeim is enraged with me for that but Gilbert is so clever at pointing a joke, and he also occasionally holds back and less the music come through. He knows where to shut up and let Sullivan do the work, which is what makes the songs particularly ravishing. the soprano and tenor arias,

especially."

At this point your scribe wentured to sing the opening of Giancita's song from The Gondoliers, on the flimsy excuse of demonstrating Sullivan's long melodic line. Politely unappreciative, Hesketh-Harvey resumes. There's a lot of that in this, I have to say. A sort of Norwe-gian, melancholic expansiveness about a lot of the phrasing the girls have used, which demands long lyrical lines that must

still hold your attention. "Working on Which Witch has been a different discipline for me. It's a big, broadly-based melodrama with romantically-driven characters in a pretty

ting, and also a strong orchestra, and witche flying above your head. So it has to be intelligible on broadly-based melodramatic levels. That means away with irony, away with triple and quadruple ritymes at the end

of things. "The girls are pop-rock stars and the style of the music is very much, i suppose, a cross between Carmina Burana, which I've always regarded as a rock musical, and a Freddie Mercury rock opera. Benedicte has this incredible coloratura soprano voice — as well as being so beautiful that you walk down the street with her and cars crash - but her voice is used above a rock base. The effect is like Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody', except for the private soliloquies, the darker moments, which are, oddly enough, identifiably Norwe-gian. So it has got a definite

style of its own. So has Kit Hesketh-Harvey. hitherto. One of the songs he and the Widow regularly sing tells of Norwegian back-packers roaming the London Un-derground. Watch for extra verses in future versions.

• Which Witch opens tonight at the Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street. London W1 (071-867

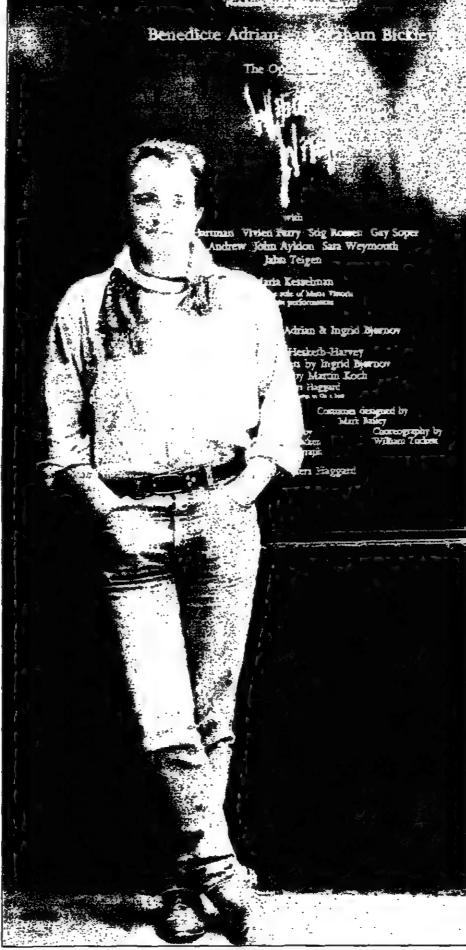
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Cabaret performer and librettist, Kit Hesketh-Harvey: sharp as a carving knife

#### Stepping out over the border

Outdoor action: the Polish theatre group, Gardzienice

asked the occupants their pur-pose in crossing the border, was he any the wiser. The Polish actors inside insisted they had an engagement with some Donegal Murruners. The Polish theatre group, Gardzienice, had been invited to Londonderry by the International Workshop Festival, a biennial event which brings together pioneering theatre. artists. The company, which comes to London tonight to perform at St Paul's Church 081-741 2311) in Hammersmith, is known as much for its virtuoso performances as for its pioneering expeditions to rural areas in search of tradi-

Gardzienice is unusual atnongst contemporary Polish theatre groups in that politics. do not lie at the heart of its work. The troupe was therefore particularly welcome in The pub session in Londonderry since it did not Plumbridge, County Tyrone. fore particularly welcome in

tional cultures.

What happens when a troupe of Polish actors is let loose in rural Ireland? Ellen Cranitch reports a clash of cultures

come to probe the religious and political conflict. Gard-

zienice looks instead to rural traditions of storytelling and singing for its inspiration. Contact with the landscape from which the songs and stories arise is crucial to Gardzienice. Thus, its mem-bers perched on Celtic towers and sang songs into the wind or leapfrogged along deserted

beaches in the dramatic landscape of north Donegal. According to Włodzimierz Staniewski, the artistic director, Gardzienice had always dreamed of coming to Ireland, believing it might strike some temperamental chords with the Irish. The excitement was palpable in the mini-bus as the reparty negotiated the potholes of Londonderry, Tyrone

and Donegal. But how would

the local population react to a troupe of long-baired, wildlooking Poles?

was a disappointing start; few of the local artists who had been pressed to come turned Another night in Clonmany, County Donegal, it transpired that the majority had come not to engage with the spirit of Gardzienice, but

nurely because it looked likely that McFeeley's pub would stay open later than normal. The evening in the Rocking Chair pub in Londonderry also proved unsatisfactory, since the bulk of the gathering consisted of Gardzienice and the extensive network of arts administrators.

But there was one triumphant encounter towards the end of Gardzienice's two-week residency. The evening began at the Fowlar Hall, Inishowen. The Donegal Mummers had not turned up and a gaggle of adolescent Irish dancers had been conscripted to fill their place. Maura, Dolores, Catriona and Sinead looked pur-

frocks embroidered with Ulster's Red Hand, their long hair severely secured beneath elaborate hairbands.

Mid-dance, and disaster struck: three hairbands fell to the ground. Suddenly a Polish actor pounced on them and withdrew with his trophies, throwing Maura, Dolores. Catriona and Sinead into consternation. After the dance he gallantly returned them_

This moment proved a turning point, igniting the interest of the crowd. The girls mothers accepted an offer of vodka in their tea; the Irish and Polish musicians intermingled. Mariana exchanged her Ukrainian harmonium for an accordian and struck up a jig. A rousing Polish number set the Irish contingent off on the numbustious "Wild Rover". Later, the party transferred from the ball to the One Foot Inn nearby, where the evening

erupted into dance. What the Poles drew forth from the Irish was a spirit that lies much deeper than the traditional sectarian divide. What the Irish gave the Poles was some memorable songs, a taste for Bushmills whiskey **ROCK REVIEW** 

#### Brief glimpses of greatness

There is no law which says that the best rock shows have to take place in conditions of extreme discomfort, but it happens too often to be a coincidence. As if to prove the point, Suede chose a miserable, rainswept Monday night to stage a triumphant homecoming gig in the inhospitable shoebox of the SW1 Club. Soaked clothes became further dampened with sweat as the temperature soared and necks were craned in an effort to catch a glimpse of the four figures on a "stage" which amounted to little more than a slightly elevated area of floor space at the end.

There was no sign of drummer Simon Gilbert from start to finish, not even a cymbal or overhead microphone to give visual confirmation of his presence. Occasional chest-level sightings of guitarist Bernard Butler and bass guitarist Mat Osman were sufficient to register only that their faces were obscured for the most part by curtains of long hair.

Yet even in these conditions. enough could be seen of vocalist Brett Anderson to recognise his star appeal. Dark-haired and delicately built, with a well-modulated

aura of faint mystery under-pinned by unshakeable self-confidence, his slightly camp, stylised-cockney vowel sounds redolent of Ziggy Stardust-era David Bowie.

The band, which has released only two independentlabel singles, has been catapulted to early promi-nence thanks partly to the current dearth of new talent in general. Ridiculous claims have been made on their behalf, but as they worked their way through a concise, well-paced set combining glam-rock melody with mod-ern attitude and a modish touch of grunge, it seemed, for once, that some of the hyper-bole has been justified. bole has been justified.

There were moments when they lost the thread -- "Animal Lover, for instance, degenerated into a rather repetitive free-for-all - but it was never for long, and when they hit their stride they were magnifi-cent. A succession of over-wrought female fans had to be rescued from the crush at the front, while strident complaints about the lack of visibility were heard from those further away. But the sense of occasion was unmistakable.

**TELEVISION REVIEW** 

#### Pole positions

hose who leared that last night's Pole to Pole (BBC I) would be some dreary new chat-show series hosted by Lech Walesa will have been glad to find that it was the start of Michael Palin's five-month, 12,500mile journey from the north to the south pole.

The route was down the line of longitude of 30 degrees east, chosen partly because it hit a lot of land, but maybe also because everybody who lives on this longitude seems to speak quite fluent English.

Palin is the perfect surrogate to do your travelling for you. He seems keen to tackle any challenges, but he never seems to be enjoying himself so much that you feel jealous. The format helps. As in Palin's Around The World in 80 Days, there is a false momenturn that drives the series. Here, it is the task of making it from one end of the world to the other while sticking to this one line of longitude, whether it traverses fjords or desert.

And because there is so much ground to be covered in just eight episodes, there is no time to dawdle so long in a place that you have grown bored. Whereas other travel documentaries try to manufacture the visual equivalent of a

long letter, Palin sends us two-line postcards, at 200-mile ible format, helped by Palin's ability to remain prominent but not intrusive.

The discovery that some parts of the world are as grim as you imagined comes as rather a relief. As does the fact that people starved of the stimulation of cities tend to go loopy, especially when day-light and darkness last for months at a time.

It is distressing enough to see grown men who willingly risk death by polar bear, or pan in a Lapland lake for specks of gold so small it would take a decade to gather enough for a tooth filling. But what is trapper Harold Solheim doing living in a shack in the middle of sheet ice for the past 15 years, with no friends apart from dead seals he has killed for dogfood?

And isn't it time social workers visited the Scandinavian lighthouse keeper who invites Palin for a cosy and "relaxing" 28-day shift on his remote lighthouse, providing Palin dumps his cameraman Perhaps Palin was kind enough to leave the lighthouse keeper Harold's address.

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## Words true and faithful

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Why then are recent English translations of the Bible so unsatisfactory? Why are they so especially unsuited to public reading in churches?
In the introduction to this

edition of the Tyndale Old Testament — his edition of the New Testament was published in 1989 - Daniell provides a clue to the answer when he notes the language used by Tyndale to convey the meaning of Genesis 3, the Fall of Man. in Tyndale the ser-pent says "tush ye shall not die": in the Authorised Version the words are "Ye shall not surely die". The Revised English Bible, however, renders this as: "Of course you will not die, said the serpent." This last, Dr Daniell rightly remarks, "has a tone from the world of children's stories". The Revised Version is an accurate translation, but the

resonance is wrong. The trouble with modern translations of scripture and with the new Prayer Book is that they are culturally insensitive. To say this is not to condemn their compilers, but to note that they are transient works: their references to the encompassing culture are without durable qualities.

There has been an extended debate among scholars and observers about the haunting **Edward Norman** 

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and lasting qualities of the Authorised Version, the King James Bible. Was it written in language which, though plainly of its age, transcends in verbal imagery the limitations of its time? Or is its atmosphere of timelessness an illusion — a confusion of antique charm with permanent conveyance of a meaning which stands independently of the immediate culture? Is it that we are familiar with its sacred language from our early years and wary of later verbal

wisely. Dr Daniell avoids directing us in such considerations. Instead he offers in his notes balanced and useful information about Tyndale's knowledge of Hebrew and Greek. He concludes that although heavily dependent upon Luther's translations from Hebrew, Tyndale was himself a practised Hebrew scholar. He also points to the indebtedness of the editors of the Authorised Version to Tyn-

Here then, in a magnificent single volume, are Tyndale's Pentateuch of 1530, and Joshua to 2 Chronicles, originally printed in 1537. The actual volume is a handsome production, an ideal gift for anyone who loves the scriptures. Why, though, should anyone still want to read the Tyndale Version? The answer is that it is a work of spiritual beauty, to be received for its own sake. Here are many of the cadences of the Authorised Version, and appreciation of that great work that seminal influence in English literary and popular is enormously enhanced by reading its equally

Nigella Lawson unwraps the designer decadence of the noisiest self-publicist of our time

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he high-sheen metalicised cellophane sac in which Sex comes swaddled bears a warning. "This book contains adult material and its exterior packaging reflects the controversial and sensitive nature of what is inside." Exterior packaging. Something of a tautology, you'd think, unless it is by way of an admission that what lies within, what it teasingly protects is morely except sind of protects, is merely another kind of packaging. But Madonna has always excelled at the presentation of her own, ever sugmented image and image-making, and has taken pains to reveal the pleasure she takes in it.

Interestingly, the more she is intent on revealing publicly, the more seri-ously she safeguards her privacy. Ever more hulking bodyguards pave her way into the public gaze (her en-tourage is now reported to number 50), and at the book's launch only her official photographer was allowed to snap her. Her permissiveness is rigorously circumscribed: she cannot be taken by just anyone.

"This book", she asserts in her opening declaration, one of yawning predictability, "does not condone unsafe sex." In case you were to get the wrong idea about the images she purveys of gang-rape, sado-masochistic dalliances, leather-queenery and pain-wracked pleasuring, be reas-sured: "These are fantasies I have dreamed up. Like most human beings, when I let my mind go. I rarely think of condoms. My fantasies take place in a perfect world, a place without Aids. Unfortunately, the world is not perfect and I know the world is not perfect and I know that condoms are not only necessary but mandatory.

force of the prophylactic sheath is unassailable; protection against any charge of irresponsibility. This is the sexual ethic of the age.

And, indeed, for all the brutalities

Madonna gives her blessing to, the world she depicts is a perfect one, in one sense at least. Madonna's subversion is sanitised by the high-quality prints that depict it. You may be revolted or ementained by it, but the seaminess and cheap potency of the pornographic realm finds no expression in these adman's shots of choreographed kookiness. It is conWannabe Marilyn



Flaunting the privacy of stardom: everything is on display, but nothing is for the taking

tained and controlled, pure even designer decadence. There is no dirt on Madonna: even in the grimier images, she gleams out, a vision of clean-cut giamour. Caught between two rough-scrubbed skinhead lesbians, nipples pierced, daggers rattooed appears in the full diamante, in

complete glamour kit, all Hollywood eyebrows and lips, swept-back hair

and Snow White complexion. "And by the way," she adds as a cavent to her worthy introduction, any similarity between characters and events depicted in this book and real persons and events is not only

Nothing in this book is true. I made it all up." This note of saucy childishness permeates much of the book, which, if you were so inclined, you could read as the progress of Dira, good time girl and Madonna alter

ago as she hangs out with a variety of accommodating types.

introductory poem, written along the lines of one of Madonna's more bubblegummy pop lyrics ("My name is Dita / I'll be your mistress tonight / I'll be your loved one darling / Turn out the light"), and there is much in this strain between the book's aluminium covers. Madonna's Dita defence is rather blown in a little exchange. A "doctor" asks: "Have you ever been mistaken for a prostitute?" And "Dita" replies: "Every time anyone reviews anything I do. I'm mistaken for a prostitute."

About twenty years or so ago there

About twenty years or so ago there was a vogue for line books, called things like "God is Love", compilations of cute and precocious kiddi-winks's sayings printed in a round in-famile hand. Much of Ser is redokent of those. Some entries, in childish script as if scrawled in chalk on a classroom blackboard, are impossible to read in anything but 2 coy babyish lisp. "I wouldn't want a penis." Madonna concludes "It would seem like having a third leg. It seems like a contraption that would get in the way. I think I have a dick in my brain. I don't need to have one between my legs."

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ther offerings are more obviously intentionally firmly. Some take the form of letters to a character called Johnny, detailing what she and "the lovely Ingrid" get up to. One such self-mocking letter reads. "Ingrid and I made plans to meet at our gno and I made plans in meet at our favourite restaurant tonight and she showed up with some hairdresser. At first he seemed alright. But then he started saying things like 'I love women. They make me feel like I'm gonna live forever.' I thought I was gonna be sick. He spent the whole evening talking about celebrities and motorcycles. I felt like I was in the movie Shampoo and I only had a small part."

One of the fundest entries is a straight send-up of sex-and-shopping pomo-ramblings: "Trying on clothes in the dressing room of Ralph Lauren, Ivo took off his slacks. Looking in the 3-way mirror he realized he was hard. Could it be the lovely Cuban salesgirl who brushed up against him in the sales aisle? Could it be the hot balmy afternoon that made his clothes heavy and the back of his neck moist?"

"I don't think you have to have a language in common with someone to have a sexual rapport," concludes Madonna. "But it helps if the language you don't understand is Italian."

What do Colin Dexter, Sue Grafton and Walter Mosley have in common?

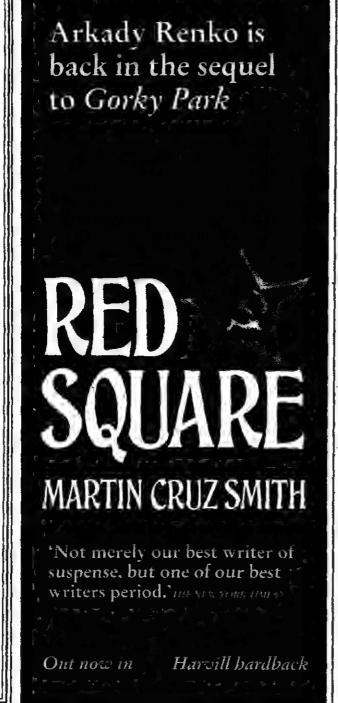
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## Sleuths and the Morse code

The Way Through the Woods By Colin Deater Macmillan, £14.99

THIS IS a puzzle particularly appropriate for Times readers, as the solution is developed through this paper's correspondence columns. The police receive a cryptic poem, clearly aimed at guiding them to the body of a young blonde Swedish tourist who disappeared the year before. The poem's publication in The Times pro-vokes a gradually unfolding series of clues and red herrings. Inspector Morse, initially following the unravelling from his literary hols in Lyme Regis, is drawn in, his familiar doleful and drinkful approach tempered by the intervention of two women in his emotional life. Highly literate, bleaker and more sexually disturbing than Deater usually provides, and so crucially verbal that I fear for its television prospects.

> Black August By Timothy Williams Gollancz, £14.99

A MIDDLE-AGED schoolteacher is battered lifeless in her apartment. Commissario Trutti of the Polizia di Stato knew and liked her. It's not his patch, his colleagues resent his interference, but he meddles nevertheless. The journalist in the flat above the woman has a curious reaction to her death; there is a mysterious missing wayward sis-ter, and a variety of secrets from the past. The ageing, moody Trotti is a subtle and characters are portrayed with

Italian atmosphere is authen- but perceptive way. Livingston

I is for Lumbers By Sue Grafton

Macmillan, £14.99 AFTER a slightly blippy "H" book, Rinsey Millhone is back on home patch with a stunner. When a fellow gumshoe drops dead, Kinsey is hired in his place to amass evidence for a civil suit against an alleged wife-murderer unexpectedly cleared of the criminal charge against him. Her dangerous digging exposes an alternative version of the homicidal night in question, pointing to the man's innocence; she suspects, too, that her predecessor's heart-attack was not entirely natural. Terrific build up to a satisfyingly shocking climax. This edges Kinsey to the top of my personal American femi-

> Quiet Marder By Nancy Livingston

nist private eye hit parade.

Gollancz, £14.99 . AN OLD MAN is tortured in shabby west London house not long after a young woman in Southend has been para-lysed by a savage attack. The possible link is Karl, a mildly psychopathic long-distance lony-driver, but the easy conclusion is gradually worn away as the investigation continues. Retired tax-inspector (yes, another one) Mr Pringle, whose lady friend Mavis lives in the dead man's street, helps enquire in his usual diffident

tically beguiling. First-rate in abandons her customary exuberantly funny style for a quieter, more chilling approach, which she achieves

File Under: Deceased By Sarah Lacey Hodder & Stoughton, £14.99

LIVELY debut introducing a sieuthess who should be good for several more adventures. Leah Hunter, young sparky tax-inspector, goes to an artgallery and ends up with a strange man dying in her arms. His tax records, though, are not those of a blameless deceased. Leah, pretending to be delving into dodgers, looks deeper and is threatened, burgled and beaten up for her curiosity. Drugs, thugs, shady businessmen and a dishy cop buzz around her enquiries Furious pace, witty dialogue and a thoroughly engaging

Bucket Nut By Liza Cody Chatto & Windus, £13.99

CODY'S wonderful female tec Anna Lee makes only a brief appearance in this extraordinary tale of low-life, told by wrestler Eva Wylie, a.k.a. The London Lassassin, a big. less than attractive woman who doubles as security guard, occasional petty thief and smalltime enforcer. She has, though, of course, a heart which if not of gold is at least gilded; when she finds herself in bigger than usual trouble as

a result of inadvertently leav-ing a fatal bomb at a sleavy club, real emotions take over. Eva is a vivid, uncompromising, original character, showing Cody in bleaker, harder vein than before, but no less

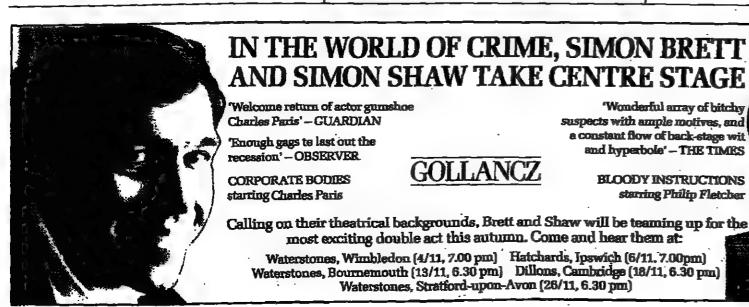
Murder in the Commons By Nigel West Macmillan, £13.99

UNPLEASANT Labour MP is apparently run over outside Parliament: closer inspection suggests a variety of causes of death, coupled with an even greater selection of suspects. present selection of suspens, personal, business and political (Commons as well as constituency). His Tory "pair" tries to reach those parts of parliamentary skullduggery that Mr Plod cannot aspire to. The result is a jolly, old-fashioned romp, well-crafted and full of insider info.

> Dead Fit By Stephen Cook Macmillan, £13.99

NASTY neo-yuppie narcissist battered by the exercise weights at his Docklands fitness club. Local copperess and club-member. Judy Best, a recent victim of the deceased's attempted groping, finds herself and her new black boyfriend on the list of suspects. and has to investigate discreetly and against superior orders. Cook gets the ambience of energetic but declining Dock-lands just right; the story moves speedily and his cast of lively young Londoners is convincing. A satisfying fol-low-up to last year's good

This Saturday: Witness to My Life, Sartre's salacious correspondence with de Beauvoir; plus Anthony Burgess's new book about the English language.



#### IN THE WORLD OF CRIME, SIMON BRETT AND SIMON SHAW TAKE CENTRE STAGE

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Enough gags to last out the recession' - OBSERVER CORPORATE BODIES

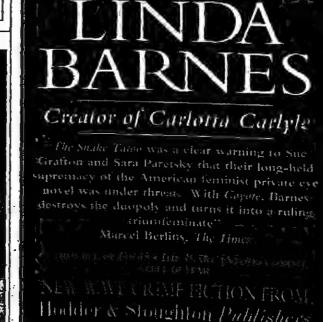
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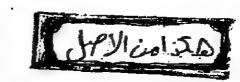
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7 o declare an interest at the outset: Con Coughlin is not only a thoughtful, incisive writer on the Middle East, he once saved me from an unpleasant fate. We were trying to get past the guards at Bahrain airport at the beginning of the Gulf War when he suddenly bent down and swallowed an El Al sticker I had failed to spot on my bag. All Middle East hands travel between Israel and the Arab world — but Arabs with guns in their hands tend not to take that into account

If there is an underlying theme to Coughlin's book on the hostage crisis, it is the failure of the West to understand the rultures and concerns of the Middle East - and vice versa. He is rightly scathing about Western reporters "parachuted" into complex societies such as Lebanon with little or no knowledge of the secular and religious issues at stake. Even experienced journalists like Terry Anderson had a "dangerous sense of self-importance". For-

# Where Terry Waite went wrong

eigners in Beirut, sipping Lebanese wine on their balcomies, failed to see that they were as unwelcome as the Israeli troops who invaded Leba-non in 1982. Young Muslim fanatics from Hezbollah, the pro-Iranian "Party of God", were not impressed when foreigners acquired "a smattering of colloquial Arabic which, like colonials of past generations, they spoke as a means of humouring the natives".

All foreigners were seen by the streetwise but generally unsophisticated hostage-takers as fair game. John McCarthy, who like Coughlin stayed in Beirut when most had left, enterges as courageous but naive. Teachers and churchmen, even those who had turned to Islam, wrongly believed themselves

he was a Protestant pastor doing good: his captors were uninterested in what a "middle-aged American from the Mid West thought he was doing in their country". Some expatriates were just oddballs: Brian Keenan regularly got drunk and climbed trees to scream: "We'll get the IRA to sort you Hezbollah bastards out." Hardly discreet.

Here, in other words, is a revisionist view of the hostage crisis. and of Terry Waite in particular. Coughlin describes the bravery and resourcefulness with which the hostages endured their incarceration and torture in dank, cramped "cells". Terry Waite, for example, was cruelly beaten on the soles of his (large) feet with a rubber hose. But there is much more on the borrors of captivity in the hostages' Richard Owen

HOSTAGE The Complete Story of the Lebanon Captives By Con Coughlin Little, Brown, £16.99

own books. Instead, Coughlin illuminates the Iranian-Syrian-Westem interactions which really explain why the hostages were seized, and the blunderings of selfappointed diplomats - such as Waite - who made matters worse.

Coughlin perhaps goes over-board in his desire to expose Waite's folly. Waite, in his view, was a man interested only in posturing for the cameras, in the hope of

being Time magazine's "Man of arms-for-hostages schemes. But he the Year", on a par with Henry Kissinger. Flying with Waite to Beirut. Coughlin thought Waite's pomaded beard and gold watchchain suggested "an Edwardian gentleman on his way to lunch". In his cell, Waite boasted about always travelling first class, and on his release he was mainly worried about trimming his beard (twice) "to face my public". He saw Lebanon as "my story", while neglecting his own family.

But this withering portrait, while it will will disturb those who think of Waite as a hero or saint, is based on cold observations - not least those of former Archbishop Runcie. He confirms that Waite almost certainly knew very little about Oliver North's illegal, hare-brained

counts him a fool for acting as North's "stooge". Waite "misled me...his love of publicity and lack of sophistication about what was being worked on him by the Americans were the cause of all his difficulties". Runcie, we now learn, saw Waite as a man with delusions of grandeur, given to phoning from the White House just to impress. He reluctantly concluded he would have to be sacked, but too late:

Waite had already returned to

Beirut, and the waiting kidnappers. The heroes of Hostage are, perhaps surprisingly, the Foreign Office, which Coughlin argues has "a long track record of resolving difficult disputes" behind the scenes; and — less surprisingly — Giandomenico Picco, the UN ne-

Reappraisal of Harold Wilson has been overdue; Ben Pimlott's

book is the second biography this year. Since leaving Downing Street in April 1976, Wilson has become the

unknown former prime minis-ter. He has lived largely in

obscurity, partly because of his

premature ageing, and is re-membered for failing to solve

many of the country's prob-

lems, leaving them to be faced during the 1980s. But from

the early 1960s until the mid-

1970s, Wilson was as domi-

nant a figure in British politics

as Margaret Thatcher became

Pimlott draws an intriguing

parallel between the social backgrounds of the two. Both

were brought up in or near middling English industrial towns. Both came from disci-

plined, church-based families

and had parents who valued learning. Their educations were similar. In both families,

political achievement was con-

sidered the acme of success.

But there were two key differ-

ences: First, Wilson's father

was an employee, while That-

cher's was a self-employed

businessman. Second, Wilson,

nearly 10 years older than

Thatcher, grew up during the

depression when his family

over the following 15 years.

gotiator, who through discreet diplomacy and impeccable links with Iran, Israel and Syria, got the

Hezbollah lost the hostage game, but in the process turned from a fringe group into a mainstream political force. There are lessons here about the comprehension gap between the West and the Middle East. I doubt many people have

Peter Riddell

HAROLD WILSON

By Ben Pimlott HarperCollins, E20

trade union power, Pimlott

points out that the 1964-70

sovernment withdrew Britain

from its involvement east of

Suez, expanded higher educa-

tion, helped to achieve a

reduction in income differen-

tials, and was responsible for

ual rights and liberties than in

since the introduction of uni-

versal suffrage". In Pimlott's

view, these reforms contrib-

uted to an increase in social mobility: "Wilson did not cre-ate a classless society, but he helped to give birth to a more

His second, unexpected, period in Downing Street in

1974-76 saw fewer achieve-

ments. But his government did secure Britain's place in

the EEC with the 1975 refer-

endum, and, after initially

aggravating inflation, started

tions and reduce social ten-

sions. However, Wilson "no

longer had the same energy,

the same aggression or the same ambition. He took less

exercise, drank more brandy,

A from his justly praised biography of Hugh

Dalton, Pimlott has written no

hagiography. The weaknesses

of Wilson's character and con-

fully addressed. For all his

outward affability, he man-

aged to inspire distrust among

his close colleagues from the

1949 devaluation crisis on-

wards, through his resigna-

tion in 1951, his difficult

relations with Hugh Gaitskell,

and his near-paranoid fear of

Pirnlott also deals with two

of the main mysteries about

Harold Wilson: the role of

Marcia Williams, now Lady

Falkender, and his resigna-

tion. Pimiott portrays Marica Williams as filling a gap in

Wilson's life as political part-

ner which had been left by

Mary Wilson's dislike for the intrigues of Westminster and

her concentration on bringing

murky and unsettled period in

British public life, but Pimlott

concludes that "the conspiracy

theories that have been de-

signed to solve what some

have seen as the riddle of

Wilson's early retirement do

not add up. The straightfor-

ward explanation for his de-

parture, that he left because he

had lost the desire to carry on.

Harold Wilson contributed

much to British politics. His

failures were the consequence

of his absorption in the details

of the game and the rivalries of

requires no amplification."

The mid 1970s was a

up their family.

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spoke at greater length".

A long time

in politics

# Maker of a mechanical paradise

Derwent May on the background to the comic visionary, Heath Robinson

WILLIAM HEATH

ROBINSON

By James Hamilton

Pavillon, E25

times thought of as simply the master of the ingenious contraption. James Hamilton's well-illustrated... new book about him includes such examples as the elaborate arrangement of small conveyor beits on the dining-table that makes it easier for a gentleman to eat green peas, and the shaky tower built of a piano surmounted by a grandfather clock. Bill the Minder in 1912. This was

with sundry chairs, strings, ladders and tea things on top, pondence course in

But this ludicrous ingenuity — witty though it is — is not

the essential thing about these drawings. What is really comic is the unquestioning trust and zest with which the characters throw themwhich the characters into which the characters into the selves into the enterprise the solemn servant feeding the peas into the machine, cloth over his arm; the wife clinging to the ladder in her floral has seen hanging from her belt. dress, her son hanging from her belt, the floor below littered with printed

It is a comedy which evokes a joyous laughter mingled with awe at the innocence of it all - a kind of paradisal vision found also in such pure cornedies as Wilde's The Impor tance of Being Earnest (which is fiself a mock-solemn, Heath Robinson sort

One picture reproduced in Hamilton's book expresses with unusual directness this outstanding geniality. It shows a servant-girl tripping and dropping a roast chicken on the carpet. But everyone at the crowded table is laughing —and even the girl is laughing as she falls. Not a cross or worried face is to be seen. The title of

State of the

the drawing? "The Right Spirit". We might not have had these marvellous drawings, which made Heath Robinson famous in the 1920s and 1930s, if it had not been for the first world war. He was born

eath Robinson is some-line (and indeed a whole community) of local wood-engravers. His grand-father had bound books for the greatest wood-engraver of them all. Thomas Bewick

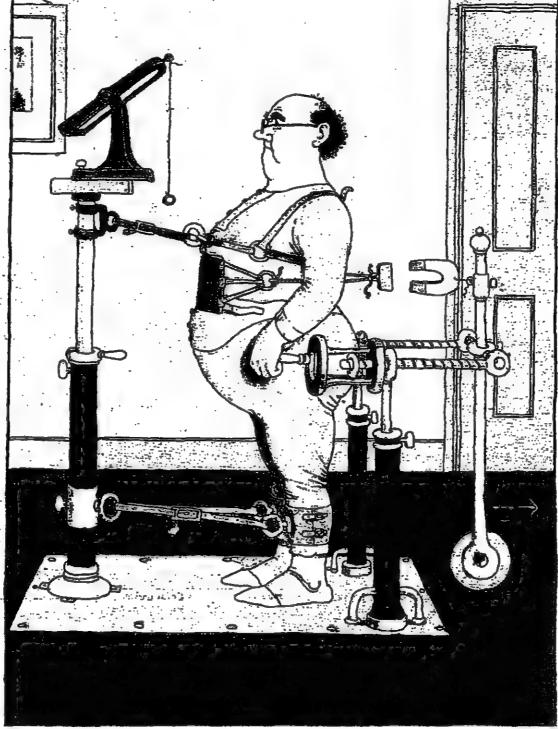
Our Heath Robinson. William or Will, was for the first years of his professional: life an illustrator of books, including Don Quixote and The Pilgrim's Progress, and some children's books of his own, notably

own children, and is about a champitakes a troupe of ten fabulous adven-

tures, in the company of the indolent, dispossessed King of Troy. The pictures combine a great sense of fun with a Victorian sweetness, but do no more than hint at what was to come. However, the war brought an end to the reign of the illustrated book, and it was when Will had to turn more exclusively to such papers as The Sketch for work that his comic genius declared itself.

Except for a few middle years at Cranleigh in Surrey, Will spent all his life in an area of a few square miles round Islington and Holloway, and contented domestic life. It is strange to think of his work flowering in what looks like quite a narrow, journeyman culture: Very likely Bloomsbury had never heard of him, and would certainly not have known what to talk about if they had met him. He belongs to what might be called the Bunyan culture of England, with its own strong, decent traditions and

occasional great glories. Hamilton reports the facts of his life in a clear, readable way, but does not help us to get close to his feelings. Perhaps Will had occasional yearnings for something different. He liked to fantasise to his assembled family that he had another wife, Mrs McGraskin, who wore enormous



Belt-tightening in 1926: A convenient magnetic contraption for reducing the figure by Heath Robinson

hats and had had innumerable children by him, but his real family seem to have regarded this as just part of his humorous way. Oddly enough, when George his younger brother died, it was revealed that he had in fact kept two households; and Hamilton says the news came as a "bitter blow" to Will, but does not tell us how he knows this.

Will seems to have been one, of those men whom Iris Murdoch has

lately been praising (in her new book Metaphysics as a Guide to Morals), who believe wholeheartedly in the Good without believing in God. One of Will's sons, Alan, became a monk at Prinknash Abbey, and Will was sympathetic but did not follow him into the faith. Just before his death, he sent Alan one of his last drawings, a picture of himself floating up to heaven on butterfly wings — but what awaits him

there is only a giant spider's web. His actual death, at the age of 72, was a macabre conclusion to the way he had lived his life. He came home from hospital, after exploratory surgery for a prostate operation, swathed in tubes and drips and catheters. He tore them all off when he was left alone, and died soon afterwards. It was as though he had come to the end of his fascination with

faced financial uncertainty and unemployment; Thatcher knew greater security. Pimlott does full justice to Wilson's significance - He shows that he was never just a conniving pragmatist motivat-

ed solely by ambition, as his enemies alleged. Wilson's white heat of the technological revolution speech at Labour's Scarborough conference in 1963 was rooted in his days as president of the board of trade in the late 1940s. Like Stafford Cripps, his mentor, Wilson was suspicious of the free market and believed in state controls. This was linked with his long held admiration for Soviet economic methods. Support for planning and gov-

ernment intervention, in industry was very much the fashion in the early 1960s, but for Wilson it was long-nurtured, and influenced several of the innovations of his 1964-70 government. His appeal then was as a moderniser and apostle of energy, efficiency and hostility to upper-class

pretensions. What went wrong? Pimlott says the fault was not the lack of a clear structure, but rather the opposite: "A structure that was too clear, too intellectual, and too unrealistically theoretical, imposing a straitjacket from which ministers, including the essentially non-theoretical Wilson, took years to extri-cate themselves." Wilson believed the co-operative spirit of the late 1940s still existed. He encouraged people to expect more of a Labour government than it could deliver, and was constrained by his fetish with avoiding devaluation.
For all its obvious failures,

notably its failure to tackie

hostages out - eventually. Here was no blunderer, but a "Venetian diplomat in the Byzantine tradition" who told Coughlin: "I was able to succeed because North and Waite were not able to use the tools I used." The hostages benefited too from closer Iranian-Western ties. and from a stroke of luck: when Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait and chaos broke out, he unwittingly enabled the Dawa 17 to escape and resume the Shia Muslim "holy

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## The pleasures of gloating and intrigue

Colin Welch

DANCING WITH **DOGMA** Britain Under Thatcherism By Ian Gilmour Simon & Schuster, £16.99 THE SERVANT By Alistair McAlpine

wo books, both embellished by likenesses of a younger Mrs Thatcher. as she then was. One snap shows her at ease with Lord McAlpine, her tubby and genial Scottish Sancho Panza-The other shows her apprehensively masquerading as the Queen of Dogma. She is dancing with the lofty Sir Ian Gilmour, as he then was, whom she has just sacked, at a Young Conservative Ball. His stoutly shod foot appears to tread heavily on Queen Dog-ma's toes — lucky for her if, when dancing with the Eiffel Tower, her toes are of iron too.

Such clumsiness is endearing and not perhaps inappropriate in one who, as Mrs T complained to a knighted journalist, "takes every chance to do me down". Only a little exaggerated. Gilmour concedes with some satisfaction. An incorrigible William the Wet, he flourishes anew to vex his dogmatic Violet Elizabeth

again in the Lords. From all this, you will know more or less what to expect from his account of the Thatcher years, though he is far from mindlessly critical.



Machiavellian McAlpine (left) and chumsy Gilmour, treading on Mrs Thatcher's toes

no steps to avoid the Falklands War, but warmly praises her "almost impeccable" conduct of it, and especially her sinking of the Belgrano. His elegant patrician pages

are full of quotations, not all exploding on intended targets. He cites Conrad Russell asking: "Who would have sponsored Sir Isaac Newton to sit idle under an apple tree or Archimedes to sit dreaming in a bath?" Well, who did? Who would or should have done? Lord Russell's query was presumably designed to ridicule sponsored research for commercial ends and thus Mrs T's Philistinism. Does it come off?

Gilmour also laments the

He reproves Lady T for taking fate of a Jim Prior paper on no steps to avoid the Falklands incomes policy, sent to Mrs T three weeks after the 1979election. "[It] was not circulated or discussed. It was merely returned ... with rude comments by the Prime Minister." What shocked Gilmour will make some smile.

Other squibs from Gilmour's locker are launched at David Willetts, a Tory dismal scientist confessedly overwhelmed by the power and coherence" of Herbert Spencer's arguments. Gilmour triumphantly quotes Cartyle on Spencer, "the most unending ass in Christendom". Thirty love to Gilmour? Fifteen-all, the umpire might rule. Willetts also unjuckily urges

children to be seen as "a consumer good". Superficially ridiculous, I agree, but not in context; where taxation is being discussed. Gilmour also refers to monetarism as "discredited", surviving only in the noddles of "dever, amiable eccentrics" like William Rees-Mogg, Nick Budgen, Tim Congdon and Alan Walters. If so, more's the pity. Clever, amiable eccentrics of the world

but your Keynes. Gibnour's book gave me, all the same, much pleasure. So does Lord McAlpine's curious confection. Many will search his 100 pages for a coded chronique scandaleuse of the Thatcher years. It is there all

unite: you have nothing to lose.

right, but so coded as to convey served by those who now let little to those who don't know cats out of the bag, especially. it all already. Boobies and rascals remain anonymous. The book is a clever pastiche

of Machiavelli, addressed not to the Prince (in this case Mrs T) but to the Prince's Servant. which is what McAlnine was - or is? - to Mrs T. It contains much shrewd sense, much stylish wit and crepuscular gallows humour, much disillusioned wisdom, all rendered piquant by an almost boundless cynicism. It commends to the true Servant all the "dirt, dishonesty and double dealing" commended by Machiavelli to the Prince. All this is sweetened by a weird romantic ardour, which sees embodied in the true Prince a great Idea, in the service of which, all, including even selfimmolation, is justified. Did McAlpine as Mrs T's

Servant actually comport himself according to such dark and repulsive maxims? I bet not. Does not intrigue often defeat itself? As prime minister, Campbell-Bannerman used to mock the ceaseless plotting of Lord Haldane, who would tiptoe up the back staits, but always noisily knock over every broom on the landing. If McAlpine did intrigue,

how naughty of him now to put it all down on paper especially as he remains forcyer in the Prince's service. working constantly for her return. The real intriguer con-

ceals forever his devious ways. In his fulsome dedication to Lady Thatcher, McAlpine suggests that "she could have been better served". Is she well

cats out of the bag, especially mangy unauthorised cats not obviously of her breeding and choice? I recall another Servant of hers, Harvey Thomas, shamelessly blurting out on television that she and her Tories had much to learn from the Nuremberg Railies. My hat! Much to learn? Much to avoid, more like, or, if anything to learn, that lesson and

its source to be kept hidden. Books must be published by Princes and Servants, writes McAlpine, only for a purpose. The purpose of his book can't be to serve the Prince. Silence would have served her better. Is the true purpose perhaps fun or vanity, self-indulgence or satire? Is it, like Thorstein Veblen's Theory of the Leisure Class, perhaps a mordant swipe at the varity of human wishes, half disguised as a dry, pseudo-scholarly thesis?

Due to an error of transmission, I attributed in a recent Times review a sense of fun to G.M. Trevelyan, who had none. McAlpine is a merrier fellow. The benign ghosts of Panza, Jeeves and Weller haunt his pages, which will make you think much and

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## **ACCOUNTANCY**

Cutting a surplus nobody wants

John Barnsley

offers harassed finance directors

eight ways to

minimise ACT

QUOTED companies are writing off about £10 million a week in irrecoverable Advance Corporation Tax, ACT must be accounted for every time a company pays a dividend, and, in theory, it then (within limits) satisfies the company's subsequent corporation tax

Paying ACT should be just an irritating cash flow disadvantage. But if the company does not have a large enough UK tax bill, much of the ACT paid is effectively wasted, leading to an unduly high tax charge and depressed earnings per share. This surplus ACT problem principally af-fects groups with substantial overseas earnings, which pay much of their tax abroad.

There is no magic solution, but good planning can help a lor. Here are a few

(1) Pay dividends a little later. ACT on a dividend paid on March 25, say, must be handed over on April 14, but if the dividend is paid on April 2. the ACT need only be paid on July 14, helping cash flow for three months. Hanson recently rephased its annual divi-



Profitable hole: RTZ earns overseas profits from Bingham Canyon, but keeps its cash at home

dends so that it could write off only the ACT due on the next year's interim rather than that year's final, but won only a one off presentational benefit. (2) Introduce a stock dividend option. No ACT needs to be paid where shares are issued in lieu of a cash dividend. The take-up of stock dividends averages only about 5 per cent but that is enough for many quoted companies to have introduced such schemes.

which have the added advantage of retaining cash in the group. If investor protection committees agreed, stock dividends might be made more attractive to individual shareholders by making them somewhat more valuable then the cash alternative.

(3) Groups with overseas shareholders can arrange to allow them to receive dividends from a "dividend access" share in an overseas

subsidiary instead of on their shares in the British parent. This saves ACT by reducing the UK dividend payout, and can also have overseas tax advantages for the group and its overseas shareholders. (4) Review international

charges. A group with surplus ACT effectively pays UK tax at 8 per cent, the full corporation

tax of 33 per cent less the maximum ACT offset of 25 per cent. The group tax charge

there may be ways for a group with ACT capacity, and one with surplus ACT, to get together and trade ACT between them. Not surprisingly, the Revenue is using all the technical arguments it has and a few it has not - to there is NO INTEREST. discourage such agreements being set up, and to attack those already established. Such deals can now only seem attractive to those prepared to battle with the Revenue.

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be the same again will, therefore, fall if group profits can legitimately be transferred to the UK. One straightforward way of doing this, by the UK parent charg-ing its overseas subsidiaries for IN A week's time, financial reporting in this country will pass the point of no return. In more prosaic terms, the Accounting Stanall the benefits it gives them, is sometimes not fully utilised. For example, subsidiaries are dards Board will issue a definitive standard, to be known as FRS3, which will deal with the not always required to pay for the use of brand names or format and content of profit and loss accounts. This will be revolutionary. A variety of financial reporting cliches, such as earnings per share and above and below the line, will never be the same again. The aim will be to other intellectual property owned by the UK companies. (5) Concentrate debt abroad. There is little point having UK ensure instead that, as far as possible, the borrowings, generating tax relief on interest paid at just 8 figures will be disclosed clearly and analysts and users can then decide for themselves, for per cent, supporting overseas example, how far items are, to use current

terminology, extraordinary or exceptional.

This is part of the change that David Tweedie, the ASB's chairman, is trying to investments that are generating profits that may be taxed at 40 per cent. Often a group can be restructured tax free to bring about. He wants to create financial move the debt overseas, so that reporting rules that provide the preparers of the interest paid is effectively accounts with certainty for the vast majority of set against the profits it helps generate, If cash holdings can be maintained in Britain, so

situations. For the rest, in Mr
Tweedie's words, "people
should use their loaf". This
fits well with the principle of
"unfudgeability", identified
by David Damant, of MAP Securities. He argued in a research paper that a drive towards unfudgeable rules produces bad accounts. "In many cases we cannot have both a true and fair view and an unfudgeable figure."

The crucial point is how far finance directors will go along with the new rules and principles. Initially, if they run true to form, they will welcome them. That has always been the case, on either side of the Atlantic. whenever new rules have been put forward. This time

it may be slightly different. For the first time in living memory, you can find finance directors complaining that they are getting a bad name for seeming to do nothing but invent spurious reasons either to avoid disclosure or to avoid taking a hit on profits.

This is where finance directors are really going to come unstuck. The latest tranche of research from James Capel estimates, for example, that under FRS3 proposals, British Aerospace, aiready unhappy with a 1991 loss of £132 million, could find its full 1992 figures showing a loss of £339 million. Finance directors who try doodling some figures on the back of an envelope next Thursday, as they feed the new rules into their projections, may come to the conclusion that they are going to have a great deal of explaining to do to their boards. At the back of their minds, they will also have the two recent rulings from the Review Panel of the Financial Reporting Council. In the past, examples like GPG and Trafaigar, where the panel ruled against accounting policies that flattered profits, might have evoked nothing worse than a hollow laugh in the City. Now companies have to contend with real and very public opprobrium allied to the possibility of court action.

If finance directors are going to continue to play at the games that they invariably do. then the new rules will need great support from two sources. Institutional shareholders have, in the past, relied too much on private influence. Now is the time for public displays of clour. More important are the great audit firms. They are the ones, after all, which have the first crack at trying to ensure that the rules are adhered to. The problem is that they also tend to be supportive only in private. When it

comes to the possibility of making a public statement which might annoy a client, then pusillanimous is the only way to describe their behaviour. They should heed the recent words of Walter Schuetze, chief accountant of America's Securities and Exchange Commission. It is obvious from them that pusillanimous also well describes the noble US audit giants.

"The profession will not go to its clients and tell those clients that their balance sheets have to have realism in order to elicit unqualified opinions," he argued, "Why not? Well, that could involve being tough with a client. Maybe make the client angry. Maybe the client will

go across the street to another auditing firm and that firm will agree to report on a balance sheet that has outdated or irrelevant representations in it." This is the stuff of solid citizens. "The profession." Mr Schuetze argued, "will not support realism in financial accounting and reporting. The profession will not reach tough unpopular decisions." He asks himself why this is so. "Is it because the profession has become so beholden to its clients that it will not speak to them about realism and

ing and reporting?" The answer in the UK, as in America, has to be a resounding yes. The unfolding changes being put forward by the ASB give audit firms

relevance amd credibility in financial account-

Robert Bruce is the Associate Editor of

Honour for Dearing

SIR Ron Dearing, the driving force behind the Accounting Standards Board and chair-man of the Financial Reporting Council, notches up yet another honour today. Sir Ron, a non-accountant who first sprang to fame as chairman of The Post Office, is due at the Merchant Taylors' Hall, London, to be presented with an award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the development of the accountancy profession. He is

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

the first recipient of the CIMA award, sponsored by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants. Philip Hewitt, CIMA's president. is due to perform the honours.

Glass menagerie

SOME subtle changes have been creeping in at the Baker Street offices of Stoy Hayward, after an expensive refurbishment programme left its lobby looking like something out of

a Hollywood film. Michael Heseltine was rolled out earlier in the summer for the reopening of the firm's new-look offices. But the changes were not, it seems, to everyone's taste. The designers were perhaps unaware of problems facing skirted visitors to Lloyd's of London who occasionally suffer embarrassment when using the transparent escalators Lime Street. Stoys' staircase was partly made of glass and leggy visitors were prone to admiring glances. Stoys has blocked the gaps with wood.

ACCOUNTANTS at a recent conference were alerted to three types of US Bonds about to enter the market: ☐ The QUAYLE Bond which has NO MATURITY. ☐ The BUSH bond in which

☐ The CLINTON Bond which has NO PRINCIPLE. How about some decent accountancy jokes from our readers? A bottle of cham-pagne for the best offering.

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much the better.

or less full value.

could turn them into 51 per

cent subsidiaries for tax pur-

poses (more easily said than

done), ACT could be trans-

ferred down to them for more

(7) Site cost centres abroad.

Importing profitable activities into the UK, or exporting costs with long pay back dates, such as R&D, is a rather extreme

solution because of the com-

mercial implications. The

ACT regime certainly encour-

ages setting up new R&D facilities overseas, which can hardly be for the long term good of the country.

(8) Under current tax law

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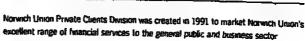
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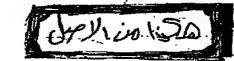
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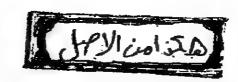
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Blue Jays celebrate historic baseball World Series victory

## Gruber steps up to become Toronto's reluctant hero

FROM KETTH BLACKMORE IN TORONTO

THE Toronto Blue Jays struck a blow for Canada and made sporting history on Tuesday night when they beat the Atlanta Braves 3-2 in the first World Series baseball game to be played outside the United

With the retractable roof of the Skydome dosed against driving rain and a tempera-ture of 36°F, the coldest recorded at a World Series game, the Blue Jays rode a thunderous wave of support from 51,813 spectators to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven

The third game, like the second, was desperately closenin and, once again, an unlikely hero emerged. In fact, Kelly Gruber, the Toronto third baseman, made one of the most dramatic transformations from goat to hero that even this game, which specialises in such things, has

A brilliant fielder, Gruber had suffered such a loss of form with the bat that, when he grounded out in the third inning, it was his 23rd consecutive at-bat without a hit, a play-off and World Series record. When he came to the plate in the eighth, his team was 2-1 down and he was playing for his future. When he swung and missed for strike two, a collective sigh of resignation could be heard from the crowd. Once more, the Braves pitcher, Steve Avery, went into his wind-up, flung down another fast ball, and Gruber pulled it 362 feet over the left field fence.

The crowd's reaction almost blew of the stadium's lid and Gruber rounded the bases in a haze of firework smoke, jubilantly punching the air and pointing emphatically to various parts. He later explained he had been gesturing to his mother, a friend, his wife and Anne Murray, who had earli-er sung the Canadian anthem.

He did not explain why Murray should have been so honoured, but the pre-game



Handled with care: Maldonado releases his bat after the hit that secured victory

formalities have taken on an unusual importance in this series. Having paraded the Maple Leaf upside down in Atlanta on Sunday, the United States Marine Corps sought and received permission to do the job property in Toronto and the gesture was warmly

The game itself burst into life in the fourth inning when, simultaneously, the Braves were denied three runs and the Blue Jays a rare fielding feat. There were two men on the bases when Dave Justice connected with a pitch from Juan Guzman. It seemed a certain home run, but Devon White, hurling himself against the wall, stuck up a

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It was a wonderful play, but it did not finish there. White's throw surprised Pendleton into overtaking Sanders on the bases (an automatic out), then Gruber was judged to have just missed tagging Sanders at third. Had he succeeded, and television replays suggested he did, it would have been the first triple play in the World Series since Bill Wambsganss turned one

for Cleveland against Brooklyn in 1920. Toronto's momentum car-

ried them into the lead in the bottom of the inning, Carter smashing a home run 405ft into centre field, but Atlanta levelled the scores when Justice singled home Sanders in the sixth.

The Braves took the lead in the eighth when Smith brought Nixon home, aided by a rare fielding error by that man Gruber, who made amends with his home run. The Braves failed to score in the ninth and that left Toronto the chance to win; Maldonado took it by singling home Alomar in the bottom of the

HOCKEY

#### Reading triumph but lack bite

Reading University... Imperial College..

READING University began their challenge for the UAU championship with a victory over Imperial College in the South Central area of the competition at Reading yesterday. Imperial, who were under

pressure for long spells, were let off lightly. Their own stout-hearted defence and Reading's extravagance restricted

Reading looked more ac-complished in all departments. Richard Lea-Elms, the goalkeeper, and David Philips, at centre back, both played for Slough in the national league. Chris Davies, at outside left, set up most of the attacks with common arm the attacks with strong run-ning and clever stick work. Davies gave Reading the lead in the fourth minute after

gaining possession at the top of the circle. They were unlucky four minutes later when a goal by Neill from a short corner was disallowed.

Rupert Wood increased Reading's lead five minutes after the interval with a reverse flick after Davies had made the running. Imperial retaliated in the 49th minute, with Helayel converting a short corner with a superb shot.

Towards the end, Reading were in full flow again and should have scored at least twice. A hit by Phillips from a short corner was saved on the line by Parkinson and a shot by Wood came back into play off a post.

In last year's tournament, Reading played in the western area, from which they quali-fied for the second round but Were eliminated by Bath.
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**SPORTS LETTERS** 

#### England deserve more praise No necessity

From Mr M. D. Regan

Sir, My heart sinks every time the England football team plays. The reason is that, a day or two afterwards, I read a column by David Miller which paints an extremely depressing picture of English football and the national team in particular.

I am realistic enough to know that some of England's recent performances have been less than encouraging. However, there have been good moments in the not-toodistant past, such as the World

Cup semi-final against West Germany, and English foot-ball is still capable of produc-ing great players other than the genius Gascoigne. Even in the good moments,

From Prof. R.A. Lyttleton, FRS Sir. As one that as long ago as 1957 wrote a scientific expla-nation of swing-bowling and received the compliment of its being published in full in Sir Donald Bradman's book, The Art of Cricket, may I make a suggestion for clarification of the controversy on players tampering with the ball.

The aerodynamical cause of "swing" bowling results from an asymmetry between two halves of the surface of the ball. This is produced by angling the central plane of the seam towards the slins for an out-swinger, and towards fine-leg for an in-swinger. The band of prominent seamstriches effectively creates a roughness of one hemisphere of the ball, while the other hemisphere is smooth, espe-

If new experiments are to be done, it would be best to determine just how increased swing can be brought about. Bowlers already take steps to preserve shininess by rubbing the shiny half of the ball on their clothing, but it is by no means clear exactly what other

wrong to feel elated when England beat Belgium with a last-minute goal or when they draw level with and ultimately beat Cameroon with two penalties? Perhaps my judgment has gone to pieces and I should

adopt a more academic approach when watching a foot-ball match. If I did this, I might not actually have en-joyed England's game against Norway (report, October 15) or have been excited by Platt's "deflected goal" against the "second division nation". Yours faithfully,

M. D. REGAN, 29 St Mary's Grove, W4.

In the swing

cially when the ball is new.

Care is taken to preserve this shiny half to maintain swing. while general usage will make the other half become rough. But cricket balls are curious: from a box of seemingly identical balls, one will swing all over the place, while another will not move at all.

action on the rough side of the ball or seam will enhance

Perhaps some of the alleged miscreants themselves will need to be consulted as to what action can be taken so that experimentalists can be suitably guided, and we may all understand just what can and cannot be done.

Yours etc. R. A. LYTTLETON, Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge, Madingley Road, Cambridge.

View below par

Sir. The televising of golf is still far from satisfactory. The television picture flattens bumps, borrows and mounds so that even a typical links course appears on the screen as level as a cricket field.

The problems facing the player, on fairway and green. are therefore lost to the viewer. reducing the appreciation of the skill required by the player. It is time that the producers

of golf on television gave more consideration to this factor and gave their audience a proper perspective of the course and its contours by positioning cameras at ground level. Yours sincerely E. S. HARVEY, 1 Crown Place, Kentish Town Road, NW5.

# I detect that Miller's praise is given grudgingly and this causes me great concern. Am I From Mr C. Christic

Sir, Rather than have three umpires in Test cricket, as the South Africans are proposing. may I put the more radical case to dispense with them

After all, what are their functions? These fall into distinct categories, including: 1. To judge the fitness of the conditions for play. They are obviously not needed for this. The ground executive is quite capable of deciding a question of fact. ie, conditions are always fit for play. As to the fitness of the light, this is always conceded. Light meters

2. To rule on fair and unfair play. Another case of redundancy. Surely nobody would suggest that the players of today would attempt to in-dulge in unfair tactics, such as tampering with the ball or claiming catches not held. All that went out with W.G.

3. To give an opinion on appeals for dismissal, eg. run out. This will not do.

With the benefit of instant television replays, there need be no question of opinion; facts will be demonstrated.

A small panel of respected expens - say, the chairman of selectors, any television commentator and a representative of the sponsors — could convey the result of their deliberations after a suitable period and, in the meantime, the latest episode of a television soap opera could be shown on the large

An additional benefit from this method would be the ability to dispense with, or penalise, frequent appeals from the fielding side with less wear and tear on their throats and a calmer, more judicial atmosphere, engendered on the ground.

Yours etc. C. CHRISTIE, 32 Flora Avenue, Darlington, Co. Durham.

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M Davies (Gold): J F Fox (Gold): M
Palmer (Gold): L F Wiles (Gold): M J
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Bird (Gold): A T Callaghan (Gold): J M
Flood (Gold): C C Hay (Gold): A S Hine
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Murray (Gold): S J Smallwood (Gold):
K L Stubbs (Gold):

English and History

Of Art
Class E (Div I): R J Coombes (UCL): K A
T O'Refly (UCL): A W Yabsley (UCL): E
K Graham (UCL): A De Andruda (UCL): E
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N McCarthy (UCL): A S McLeod (UCL)

English and Latin
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(OMWC): K T Scappatieri (Gold): S F
Vinson (Gold)

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Painter (UCL); J Shaw (UCL) French and Italian Class II (DV 1): 5 M Balestrazzi
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K. SIVASIAVA (RHENC): A. D. Waterman

French and Modern
Greek Studies
Class II (Div 2): J P Coles (KCL); C
Gabriel (KCL)

French and Music Cass II (Div I): J S Harris (Gold): W R Nash (Gold): H L Payne (Gold) Cass II (Div 2): R V Goldsworthy French and Philosophy Class II (Div I): J L Moseley (UCL) Class II (Div Z): L I J Rundle (UCL)

French and Russian

Class II (Div 2): D J Wells (QMWC)
Class III: S C Butler (QMWC) French and Spanish Class II (Div I): V D Bonner (KCL); L Tuckey (KCL)
Class II (Div 2): C J Beaucroft (KCL); S E
Coffrey (KCL): M J Chol (KCL): D M
Genders (QMWC): N J McGuinness
(QMWC), A Miline (QMWC) Geography and History Ches II (Div 2): R A Norlega (KCL)

German and English
Cass II (Div I): L A Pratt (Gold): S L
Radnor (OMWC): S Stork (RHBNC): L R
Wedge (OMWC)
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Bose (Gold), R L Darwent (RHBNC); M
P Greaves (RCL): R D Groombridge
(RHBNC): M C Hargreaves (RCL): P R
Harris (KCL): D O M Harvey (KCL): R C
Matthews (KCL): L M Owen (Gold); R F
Sandler (KCL): L Y Wilson (RHONC): A
Zimmermann (RHBNC)

Class III: C L Fordham (Gold); G F Green (RHBNC); C D Kovary (Gold); C I Netrunjun (Gold)

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History and History of Art Class II (Div I): A R Angara (QMWC); C E Barrett (QMWC); K C Macdonald-Buchanan (QMWC); D W Reed (QMWC) History and Sociology

Class II (Div 1): S Martin (Gold)
Class II (Div 2): R Robinson (Gold): E
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Italian and Music Class II (Div I ): E A Cawood (RHENC) Latin and Spanish
Class II (Div 1): H E Anderson (KCL) Philosophy and Economics

Class II (Div I): M P Khemani (UCL); I M Symmons (UCL)

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McCune (Heythrop) Portuguese and Brazilian Studies and Prench

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N Heer: L C Huttler; A J McCartney; S C

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L Shannon: S J Timothy

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## Galvin gives Munster win in last minute

Australians

FROM DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN CORK

JIM Galvin, Munster's third choice stand-off half, was the hero of Cork, Munster and probably all Ireland last night. His dropped goal in the last minute gave Munster another historic win over a major touring side and proved to a wider audience than those gathered at rainy Musgrave Park that Irish nigby may be down but far from out.

Yet if the result added to Munster's laurels - this was their third win over Australia - the match itself reflected little credit on rugby. Bob Dwyer, Australia's coach, described it as a shambles, the nadir of which was the fight late in the second half which resulted in the sending off by Marc Desciaux, the French referee, of Mick Galwey, the Irish international lock, and Garrick Morgan, his opposite

A match which smouldered from the moment Crowley received a kick on the back of his head at the first ruck which eventually forced him from the field streaming blood and requiring 12 shitches erupted in those few seconds. An inexperienced Australian team, for which their selectors must accept responsibility, frustrated at every turn, became involved in a pushing match which turned into a fight involving a dozen players, of whom the two sent off were probably more impocent

Yet Dwyer could not but acknowledge the better team won, by a goal, four penalty goals and a dropped goal to a goal and four penalties. His players were faced by a typical Munster side, bubbling with character and commitment, a mixture more potent than any

A wet ball and squally rain completed the scenario for the downfall of the team greeted not 100 yards from Cork airport by a Fosters hoarding

as world champions. They were held at the lesson at the lineout despite their two 6ft 8in locks, and were over-awed by the aggression in the loose of the Munster forwards, where Cro-

nin played a leading role.

Behind the visiting pack was a lack of control which found its greatest example in Kelaher at full back, who scored all his side's points but was played upon unmerciful-

The Australians led 19-10 at the interval and seemed to be settling into some kind of stride, prodded forward by Coker and Scott-Young. Then, though, they started to bring trouble on their own head by careless play and missed touches enabled Munster to carry the game to them under a hall of Garryowens.

Galvin, a replacement stand-off in the first half when Larkin went off dazed, did not even know the back moves on Tuesday night but he had enough nerve to mix his kicking with the odd break. With Walsh and Tobin keeping the pressure on the Australians with some astute kicking, the crowd's support increased in volume as they wimessed the breakup of Australian composure.

Moreover Haley, the Oxford Blue, kept his nerve and kicked his penalties. Two goals brought Munster to within three points before the

double sending off.

Five minutes later a touch judge intervention gave Haley his fourth successful kick to level; Walsh kicked Munster straight back down field, Cronin won the lineout and Galvin dropped his historic



ALISTRALIANS: T Keleher, D Smith, A Hester, RTombs, D Junes: P Keleh A Start, G Listorap, D Nucliona, captain, D Crowley (no): E McKenzie), M Smit, W Waugh, G Mongan, S Scott-Young, T Coler.
Federate: M Descinus (Francis).

## South Africa pin faith on unchanged team

FROM CHRIS THAU IN PARIS

SOUTH Africa announced an unchanged side for the second international against France, although doubts persist about the match fitness of their captain, Naas Botha. Botha's left hand, injured in training on Tuesday, is still swollen and he did not take part in yesterday's training session. Abe Malan, the South Afri-

ca manager, said that Botha's injury is healing rapidly but is still painful.
South Africa's selectors have

retained the team that beat France 20-15 last week in Lyons. "The win has set the tour on a better footing and on Saturday we will try to eliminate further mistakes to increase our winning chances," Malan said.

The win has given the South Africans flagging tour a new lease of life, but they need to improve considerably to overcome the expected French backlash. Their scrum

is stronger, as the countless sessions spent on the scrummaging machine operated and marketed by the former England lock forward, Nigel Horton, are paying off.

However, as the game in Lyons proved, the South African scrum is still vulnerable and the experiment with Willie Hills at hooker may yet

"South Africa is unlikely to play the limited pattern of the previous international." Ma-However the decision to

field an unchanged side points to another Botha spectacular, with the other 14 as supporting cast.

SUPPOILLING CAST.

SOUTH AFRICA: H Resca-Edwards (Nestal); J Smell (Transvest), D Gerber (Westam Province), P Muller (Nesd), J Othler (Northern Transvest); H Botto, (Northern Transvest); H Botto, (Northern Transvest), H Rogers (Transvest), W Bertmann (Nesta), A Melen (Northern Transvest), A Geldenhuys (Enstant Province), A Richter (Northern Transvest), A Richter (Northern Transvest), T Strause (Westam Province).



Retail Runner clears the last on his way to a first success over fences at Ascot yesterday

#### Katabatic puts Turnell in quandary

BY MICHAEL SPELY

KATABATIC confirmed his ranking as the second-best chaser in the country when outclassing his opponents under top weight in the United House Construction Chase at Ascot yesterday. However, a violent swerve

at the final jump before the nine-year-old beat Campsea-Ash by two lengths emphasised the difficulties that Andy Turneli faces in deciding on a future programme.
We got away with it this time but he doesn't like going right-handed," said Simon McNeill, the winning jockey. The duel for the Queen Mother Champion Chase, where Katahatic finished only

A WONDERFUL display of

disciplined batting by Sanjay Manjrekar enabled India to avoid the follow-on yesterday on the fourth day of the Test match with Zimbabwe here. Manjrekar went on to reach a

chanceless century just before the close after batting for 8hr

By then, India, replying to Zimbabwe's 456, were 278 for seven from 159 overs. It

represented an average of

1.74 runs an over, which

sounds excruciating, but until India reached the follow-on

target of 257 at 4pm, the cricket was never less than

absorbing.
Hapless Zimbabwe, without

the injured Brandes, their only

fast bowler, had to rely on

Traicos, their off-spinner, both

to contain their opponents and take wickets. Traicos, who

is 45, claimed all three to fall

yesterday and finished with five for 86 from 50 overs.

for 27 overs at one stage, taking two for 41, as the temperature nudged 100°F before he was rested after

India reached their objective.

It was a masterful exhibition

of the off-spinner's art on a

pitch that remained utterly placid. Traicos is returning to

the Test scene after taking four

wickets in three Tests for

South Africa in 1969-70.

Traicos bowled unchanged

ghts of last season.

The long-term dilemm now facing Turnell and Pell-Mell Partners, the owners, is whether to attempt to repeat Katabatic's 1991 victory in the Two-Mile Champion Chase or to go for the Cheltenham Gold Cup. The gelding's first attempt

at three miles last year ended in disaster when Katabatic finished a remote third behind Carvill's Hill in the Rehearsal Chase at Chep-

"That didn't prove anything either way," said the trainer. "He was a sick horse afterwards and was never going at any stage of the race. It will be nice to win the Champion length behind Remittance again, but the owners are

CRICKET

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN HARARE

More, the Indian wicket-

keeper, their No. 9, played Traicos more confidently than anyone else. India were 219

for seven when More came in

and he and Manjrekar were

still together at the close. So

far, they have stayed 41 overs

and resume this morning on what inevitably will be an

academic, final day.

From the start, Zimbabwe were never able to disrupt

Manjrekar's unremitting con-centration. He has seldom played as freely as his father

used to do, but equally he has never reined himself in as

much as he did now. He

hardly lifted a ball off the

ground as he mudged and

ZIMBADWE: First Innings 468 (D L. Houghton 121, G W Flower 82, A Plower

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M Azimudin c G W Pesser b Tescos
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-77, 3-78, 4-88, 5-101, 6-197, 7-219

Umphres; H D Bird (England) and I D Robinson (Zimbabwe).

Detros (b 2, lb 8, ab 1)

there's only one Gold Cup." As McNeill was in the saddle yesterday, Luke Har-vey will be on Katabatic next time, as the pair share the

Nigel Tinkler showed us a candidate for possible future McCourt rode Satin Lover to an eight-length victory in the Hairy Mary Novices' Hurdle.
A useful middle-distance handicapper on the Flat, the four-year-old had won by ten lengths on his burdling debut at Chelterman.

"He'll have a rest and probably go for the A F Budge Novices' Hurdle at the Cheltenham December meeting.

Tinkler said.

nushed his endless ones and

twos with just an occasional classic off-side drive. He final-

ly reached three figures from

Raju, the nightwatchman was soon held at silly point before Kapil Dev joined Manirekar, and the scales first

tilted towards India. They

added 96 in 34 overs, the

quickest stand of the match.

Both struggled briefly against Traicos, before

Houghton, obsessed with the possibilities of a new ball like

so many modern captains,

took it as soon as it became

available. Without Brandes,

the initiative was seized straight away by Kapil who drove and pulled the medium-

paced Burmester and Jarvis with relish. When Traicos returned, 14 overs of seam had cost Zimbabwe 64 runs.

Shortly after lunch. Kapil,

head in the air, was beaten by

Traicos as he aimed to drive.

Kapil had made 60 from 95 balls, with nine fours, and contributed a telling thrust. Prabhakar lingered with Manjrekar as 22 anxious runs

were acquired in 14 overs

before he was caught at silly

point. Then came More, and a

further 20 overs of attrition followed before Manjrekar at

last made certain the follow-on

with a three off his legs against

397 balls with seven fours.

Handicap Hurdle, Pat Murphy, the 34-year-old brother of jockeys Decian and Earnon, made a dream start to his new career as a trainer when Belafoute cruised to a comfortable victory by two and a half lengths.

Sadly, Murphy is only in the driving seat as Richard Holder, the owner of Racecourse Farm, Portbury, is gravely ill in Southmead Hospital,

In the Steel Place and Section Young Chasers Qualifier, it was the turn of Ramon Murphy when Retail Runner ran out a comfortable eightlength winner over Around The Horn, with the 6-5 on favourite, Native Pride, only

#### Selkirk looks value as Breeders' Cup fields take shape

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

SELKIRK, the best miler in the world according to his trainer, Ian Balding, is a mouth-watering 11-2 with Hills to win the Breeders' Cup Mile on Saturday week In a race where European-

trained horses have an outstanding record, the price looks even more generous given the shortage of top-class

Terry Meyocks, racing sec-retary at Gulfstream Park, said yesterday: "We would be very surprised if any of our American horses do as well as

the Europeans in this race."
Although Arazi, Marling and Rodrigo De Triano are all entered for the Mile, in each case it is their second prefer-

Following the victories of Last Tycoon, Miesque (twice) and Royal Academy, Geoffrey Gibbs, the Jockey Chib's senior handicapper, commented: You would have to suppose it is our best shot

again this year."
Selkirk, 3-1 fawousie with Ladbrokes, is one of 31 European-trained horses entered or what is fast becoming racing's world championship.

They include the winners of two Derbys, the Arc, the Champion Stakes and French Oaks. "One would have to be

every top horse in Europe in their respective races," Gibbs The Breeders Cup Classic, the \$3 million climax to the

thrilled. You have virtually

day's \$10 million programme, undoubtedly qualifies as the race of the year. Rodrigo De Triano, St Jovite and probably Arazi will tackle the best the United States has to offer, led by Pleasant Tap and A P Indy. Gibbs has Rodrigo De Triano and St Jovite IIb and

transfer their ability to the dirt. That is the unknown." While not forgetting the sh European-trained

8lb respectively ahead of the best US horses "but the big question is whether they will

the Breeders' Cup was staged at Gulfstream Park, this year's contingent seem likely to include winners, provided they handle the sharp track and the humid conditions. The oval mile course has a

finishing straight of only 300 yards. Temperatures will be in the high 70s or 80s, but the barns for foreign horses have been improved since 1989, and European runners will be able to work earlier in the day to avoid the hottest weather. Sheikh Albadou goes for a

reneat success in the Sprint. Rubiano is the top American challenger but his best form is over seven furlangs and he has not run over six furlongs for 18 months. Mr Brooks, ridden by Lester Piggott, and Elbio, should also give a good account of themselves.

The \$2 million Breeders' Cup Turf has attracted two Derby winners, Dr Devious and Quest For Fame, and this year's Arc winner, Subotica, to oppose Sky Classic, the hot

Marling has excellent prospects in the Distail where Paseana is the likely favourite after a run of five grade one gentine-bred filly has not been as impressive in her two most

European entries

SPRINT: Ship, Mr Brooks, Shelfs Albuck Reserver. Cardour*, Sicon Bever Nesto, Betting Euclocless; 3-1 Ruber Shelfs Abucks, 6-1 Grey Steepy, Brooks, 6-1 am

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YACHTING

#### Manjrekar ensures safety | British Steel extends lead by eight miles

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

BRITISH Steel II continued to set the pace in the British Steel Challenge round-theworld race yesterday. Richard Tudor, the skipper, and his crew pulled out a further eightmile lead over their closest rivals on Interspray and Heath Instred

Now within 750 miles of Rio de Janeiro, the three leading yachts look likely to complete the first stage of this 28,000-mile race as early as Monday — three days ahead of schedule.

After a minimal delay in the Doldrums, and helped by the steady southeast Trades. Brit-ish Steel has covered 1,340 miles during the past week at an average of 8.3 knots.

The fastest yacht yesterday, however, was the Pete Goss skippered Hofbrau Lager, which is back in sixth place more than 600 miles behind the leaders. She was speeding towards Rio at 10.5 knots yesterday. The slowest yacht was Com-

mercial Union, skippered by Will Sutherland, which has spent the past week caught in the Doldrums. She is still some 350 miles north of the bquator,
We've run into a hole,"

Sutherland lamented. His

SPEEDWAY

HOMEFIFE LEAGUE: First division: Bradiord 52, Clerky Heath 38.

TENNIS

yacht was drifting southwards on a painted sea at two knots, 1,150 miles behind the

MEDING POSITIONS (at 14.00 hours GM7 yesterday, with rates; to Pilo de Jaranot; 1, Brisch Steel fi (fi Tudor), 783; 2, Interspray (P. Jeffest, 813; 3, 1 heath Insured (A Domoven), 650; 4, Group 4 Socurites (II Gotding), 1,380; 5, Pride of Teesside (II MacGellevay), 1,397; 8, Hothrau Lager (P. Goss), 1,394; 7, Nuclear Bechric II Chittendard, 1,408; 8, Phone-Poulanc II O'Driscol), 1,471; 8, Coopers & Librand (V. Cristry), 1,490; 10, Commercial Union (W. Butterland, 1,334, Committee III. Compiled by BT.

☐ Eddie Warden-Owen and Chris Law, of Britain, are among the eight world-ranked match race skippers compet-ing for the \$30,000 (about £19,000) first prize in the Omega Gold Cup in Hamil-

ton in Bermuda.

Warden-Owen is the defending champion while Law, ranked No. 16 in the world, has yet to win a leading match race grand prix despite nu-merous runner-up finishes.

The Bermuda event is unusual in that it gives sailors outside the charmed circle of the international invitation list a chance to compete in a grand proc. A preliminary qualifier suits out eight hopefuls to go up against the best in the world.

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#### French put up \$1 m to break barrier

A DAY after taking up the French-inspired Jules Verne challenge to sail around the world within 80 days, Robin Know-Johnston and his co-skipper, Peter Blake, fly out to Newport Rhode Island today to collect the 75ft catamaran Formule Tag they intend to Formule Tag they intend to convert for the voyage (Barry Pickthall writes).

The two yachtsmen will sail the Nigel Irens-designed multihuli, now renamed Erna New Zealand, back across the Atlantic next week for modifications at the Carbo Spar

Blake, who is recruiting a six-man crew for the 27,000mile voyage, said yesterday that they intend to lengthen the hulls by ten feet, fit larger rudders, instali water ballast tanks to improve the righting moment and trim of the catamaran and to step a new 32-metre high carbon mast.
A total of \$1 million has

been put up by the French for the first crew to break the 80day barrier, but Knox-Johnston also has a solitary gold sovereign side wager with their French rival, Olivier de Kersuason, who is converting his own trimaran for the voyage and intends to set out in mid-January, the same time as Knox-Johnston and Blake.

**EQUESTRIANISM** 

#### Parker chosen as next chairman of selectors

BRIDGET Parker, a member of the gold medal three-day event team at the Munich Olympic Games in 1972, is to succeed Jane Holderness-Roddam as chairman of the horse trials senior selection committee Genny MacArthur writes). The appointment is for four years.

Parker, from Frome in Somerset, won her team gold medal on Cornish Gold, on which she also won a team silver medal in the 1974 world championships. Her daugh-ter, Katie, was a member of

yesterday that it is renewing its sponsorship of nine horse trials next season. The series includes Ston Easton Park in Somerset, which will run an advanced class for the first time. Kings Somborne horse trials in Hampshire, one of the most popular pre-Badminton events, will not be held next year "because of the economic climate and the amount of money needed to be spent on

☐ Pedigree Chum announced

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FOOTBALL EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: Second round, first leg: Trabzonapor (Tur) Q, Atlático Madrid 2. NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Fushern 1, Oxford United 1. Second division: Cardiff 3, Torquey 0; Birmingham 2, Plymouth 2.

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GM VALIDHALL CONFERENCE: Drink-wise Cup: Second round: Beth 0, Yeorid 0 (set); Merthyr 4, Femborough 2, Runcom 2. Northwich 3; Stafford 0 Tellard 0 (set); William 2, Wycombe 3 (set); William 0, Macclesfield 1.

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HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division:
Barrow 4, Bishop Auckland 3; Chorley 1,
Southport 6; Geinsborough 1, Emiley 0;
Marine 0, Morecambe 5; Whitely Bey 2,
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WORLD SERIES: Toronto Blue Jays 3, Atlenta Braves 2 (Forceto leed best-cl-mivan-eerles 2-1).

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Group three: R Krejcek (Hot) at J Sanchaz (SD), 6-7, 6-2, 6-4, A Volcov (Russ) bt J Bates (GB), 7-5, 6-4, Group four. M Woodborde (Aus) at L Paes (In), 6-0, 6-2, 6-7pic (Crossle) at W Fessies (SA), 7-5, 3-8, 6-3

the silver medal team at the 1984 junior European championships in Poland and was the Young Riders national champion in 1987.

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became only the fifth Flat jockey to ride 200 winners in a domestic season when Jasoorah took the Heswall Grad-

uation Stakes at Chester. The filly's runaway victory earned the South African membership of an elite club comprising Fred Archer, Tommy Loates, Sir Gordon Richards and Pat Eddery.

As he passed the line, Roberts gave the filly four celebratory slaps down the shoulder with his right hand. "That's fantastic," he said as well-wishers welcomed him back to the unsaddling enclosure.

"When I passed the post I said to myself Thank the Lord'. This last week has been so frustrating but I was confident about this filly and I'm delighted I've done it on one of my guv nor's horses. I said to him when I rode work this morning that I hoped I would do it on Jasocrah for him.

"I rode 200 in a season in South Africa once but this is more special. I thought the double century was a definite possibility for the very first

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TRAINERS

2.15 Pharty Story. 2.45 Royle Speedmaster. 3.15 Maiden Of Iron.

4.15 Wick Pound.

now try to beat Par's 209, but for the moment it's just great to reach this target.

"I'm sure the wife will have some bubbly on ice waiting for me when I get home but I won't go too mad because I'm riding tomorrow."

Roberts, 38, and his wife, Verna, have lived in Britain for seven years and an-nounced last week that they are to apply for British citizenship.
Alec Stewart, who trains

Jasoorah and was instrumental in bringing Roberts to this country, said: "I'm just delighted that he's done it on one of our horses. It's a pity that we couldn't contribute more to his total this season, but we lost more or less two months to the virus.

"Michael works so hard," and has done ever since he first came here. Everything that's come his way has been his just deserts."

THUNDERER

2.45 Rare Luck.

2.15 WITCHAMPTON MOVICES HURDLE (£1,788; 2m) (14 runners)

22/1 AAL E. AAL 16F (S) (21 Zaman) P Inchin 5-16-12 Point Hobbs

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32 LASCAR 24F (P Juestus) 6 Thorate 4-10-12 D Bridgester

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45- SUM SURFER 25F (S Soissony) T Forciar 4-10-12 C Libershyn 1

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2.45 BLACKDOWN HANDICAP CHAS€ (£3,655; 3m. 11 110yd) (9 nanoers) 127172- COUNTRY MEMBER 180 (S) Gars C Williams A Tornel 7-11-10...... L Harvey 93 153-1 FARM WEEK 14 (CD.F.C.S) d.cal Controls 6 Ending 10-11-10 Richard Sheet 94

SETTING: 3-1 Welknown Character, 4-1 Firm Week, 5-1 Country Member, 6-4 Reyle Speedmenter, 7-1 flore Lock, 10-1 Earner's Gossip, Sparten Dancer, 12-1 olibes.

1951: PEOPLE'S CHONCE 6-10-0 B Powell (10-1) M Missied 7 no.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

JOCKEYS .

133-1 FARM WEEK 14 (CD.F.E.S) Good Chaincock 6 Galding Th-11-10 Richard Stand 1-11-13 RONE SPEEDMASTER 19-(D.F.S) 0 Showed 8-11-8 _____ JidicContry (7) 98 RFM-6 WORKYSER MEAD 107 (CD.S) (S Reads 8 Real VI.11-7 _____ N Warm 98 RFM-6 WORKYSER MEAD 107 (CD.S) (S Reads 8 Real VI.11-7 _____ N Warm 98 RFM-6 WORKYSER SCORE 186 (F.S.) (J Barbon) P Meacoks 10-11-5 R Diamentoly 92 216:00 BANGER'S SCORE 186 (F.S.) (J Barbon) P Meacoks 10-11-5 R Diamentoly 10-11-5 RAFE LUCK 21 (D.F.S.) (Miss D Hammeston) P Jones 9-10-6 ____ D Leaby (7) 88 215- SPANTAN DANCER 107 (6) (Miss J Floring Mes J Floring 9-10-6 ____ N A Progrand 98

4.15 Bowl Of Oats.

3.15 Coomesbury Lane. 3.45 Remittance Man.

Fred Archer reached the Roberts has enjoyed a seamilestone eight times between son of almost unending suc-cess and is set to win his first 1876 and 1885 while Tommy Loates managed it just once, British jockeys' championship,



Roberts: only fifth jockey to record double century

#### 3.15 RANVET MARES ONLY MOVICES HURDLE

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1	P-3412	COOMBESSAURY LAME 9 (F) (I) McGHBgan) P Jones 6-11-5 D Lamby (7) 81
2	0F250-	ANNA VALLEY 171 (Allers & Sains) & Badding 6-10-12
3	67P-08	ARDEARNED 7 (E Young) Mrs J Young 5-10-12 6 Upton 86
4		BALLY CRUSE (Mrs P. Basterell) K Bishop 5-10-12 Mr Housigns (3) -
ã	0/2-54	BUNDLE OF LUCK 9 6 Wilson Ractor) K Bishon 5-10-12 R Grasse (2) 50
ß	0	CELTIC BANLO 9 Airs A Gamble) J Roberts 7-10-12 Pater Hobbs -
-1	09/02-	CLIRSNEH DECONE 342 (P Hoddin) J Badley 7-10-12 Mr & Levis (7) -
8	. 45	DANCING SOL 8 (Mrs F King) J King 6-10-12 Mr A Sensone (7) -
g	PUPO/-	DEEP DANNI RUN 512 (A Swilk) Mrs J Retur 5-10-12 M A Pizzació -
10 -	0-PUEU	MESS EMPLICO 14 (C Brown) C Popinso 6-10-12 R Strongs -
11	60-	O K SOHFAR (D Hodgaleson) & Charles Jones 5-18-12 E McGniey -
12		PREJOENT PEGGY 50 (Mrs. J. McConnect) R Front 5-10-12 J Front 86
13	003-P6	SHARMON JULIETTE 9 (T Whitley) D Gamdollo 5-10-12
14		SOUNC SIGNAL BSF (P Hayeroot) W 6 Turner 6-10-12 S Barrough -
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1		12141-	KINGS FOUNTAIN 203 (C.F.G.S) (E Banks) K Balley 9-11-8 P So
2		SSPUH-	HORITON'S COM 190 (F.O.S.) (5 Griffing) 5 Griffing 11-11-0
3		13117-	REMITTANCE MAN 202 (F.E.S.) (1 College) N Handerson 8-11-8 R Dr

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4.15	NETHER WALLOP NOVICES CHASE (\$2,672: 2m 5f) (12 runners)
1	30/6-3 BOTHL OF CATS 19 pales A Montey) A Travail 6-11-0
2	1500-F BURBLINDY BOY 15 (S) (PS Ltd) A Jane 8-11-0 T Junes -
3	425FY- CROPOATE 558 (Premier Gross Ltd.)   Spening 9-11-0 M. M. Lynch -
4	4001- BLOVE PUPPET 171 (6) (Giove Puppet Partnership) & Baking 7-11 0 J Frost -
5 5	521-03 MERIEBUCK 35 (6) (Lindy South Clation) Lindy Horists 6-11-0 Mr A Latingaton (7) - 103-75 MUTHORGETHYLEASURE 9 (Countools Recing) C Popham 6-11-0 R Strongs 38504 - PRANCES COLURY 553 (P) (6 Regordy Another Tomati 9-11-0 R Latingate 12/69 SOUND OF JURIA 225 (6) (Lond Clatical ) Forsier 7-11-0 C Linvellyn -
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7	30504- PRINCE'S COURT 555 (F) (K Ground Austria Torrell 9-11-0   Lawrence -
	1267- SOUND OF JURA 275 (E) Gurd Chelsent T Forsier 7-11-0 C Lineating -
1	60- STURM FLIGHT 250 (H Herby) K Balley 6-11-0. P Soudamore -
12 2	SAPPP- TROUBADICUR BOY 171 (D Prophit) T Thomass James 6-11-0
11	1214-3 WICK POUND 9 (8) (8) 67 (8 Britan) J Old 6-11-0
12	55222- THAMESDOWN TOUTSE 170 (G.S) (LOTOMORD) A Jones 7-10-9. G McCourt -
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2	21109-4	CARCINANDOO 14-(D,G,S) (Airs R Hedey) A Barrow 4-11-10 S Burrough	g
ā	40-2204	FOREST FLAME 7 (SF,CD,F,S) (Mis K Sturit) Nits J Ratter 7-11-8 M A Plagarate	9
4	815/4-	MEANS SPLASH 281 (D,G) (6 Westers) P Hobbs 5-11-0	9
5	TF1/-	ZULU 1086 (O.P. Code Ractor Clob) G Hart 7-10-13	
. 6	#F-02	RAG TIME SELLE 6 (D.F.S) (P Hughes) 6 Charlos-James 6-19-7	9
7	215506	DAPRIG CLASS 9 (CO.F) (P Restord) P Restord 6-10-2   Stormark	
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MILLSOLIN, well-backed winner of his three starts since moving to Epsom trainer Reg Akehurst in the summer, was heavily backed yesterday to win the Ladbrokes Autumn Handicap at Newmarket on

big handicap

Saturday week.

Available at 6-1 in the morning. Millsolin was backed through all rates with the sponsors and ended the day 3-1 favourite. Jdaayel is second favourite at 6-1 and Ladbrokes then bet: 8-1 Mellottie, 10-1 Rambo's Hall,

Other betting news yesterday concerned Jasoorah, who gave Michael Roberts his 200th winner of the season at Chester.

Following her smooth 12length success. Alec Stewart's filly was installed 8-1 favourite with the sponsors for the William Hill November Handicap at Doncaster on Novem-

The daughter of Sadier's Wells, described by her trainer as "very nice" and the subject of glowing reports from Robof growing reports from Rob-erts, was originally allotted 8st olb for the £30,000 event but picks up a 4lb penales

Jasoorah is one of 44 left in the 12-furlong contest, for which the sponsors bet 8-1 Jasoorah, 12-1 Larrikin, Texan Tycoon, 14-1 Turgenev, lo-l Daru, 20-l bar.

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## MANDARIN 2.25 Iftakhaar, 2.55 BRANSTON ABBY (nap), 3.25 Sunderland Echo. 4.00 Wolf Power, 4.30 Anbuscade, 5.00 Village Green, 5.30 Fairy Wisher, THUNDERER 2.25 Cariboo Gold. 2.55 Samson-Agonistes. 3.25 Touch Above. 4.00 Mr Butch. 4.30 Puritan. 5.00 Village Green. 5.30 Hi-Tech Honda. GOING: GOOD TO FIRM, FIRM PATCHES FINAL 6F SIS DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST 2.25 BROOMFIELD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,553: 1m 4f 8yd) (9 runners) | CAPILOR OF COLUMN | CAPILOR OF COLUMN | CAPILOR OF COLUMN | CAPILOR OF COLUMN | CAPILOR OF CAPILO 2.55 BLACKMIRES CLAIMING STAKES 19 UNION PROLANTE O A RING 5-7-12 P McGathe (7) 13 9-4 Brandon Alby, 9-2 Sumon-Agonitales, 6-1 Conflield Cornet, Malail Boye, 8-1 Signoru, 10-1 Africas Chimes, Love Returned, Secrees, 14-1 others. 3.25 WHITELANE-PONTEFRACT APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP(£2,742 1m 2i 6yd) (19)

4-1 Glegitiste, 5-1 Rive-Jumete, 6-1 Southerland Ecles, 7-1 Also Javk, 8-1 Touch Algord, Broughton's Targo, 12-1 Soversign Micha, Assil, 16-1 olbers.

TRAINERS: H Cool, 13 witness from 90 names. 43.3% & Harwood, 7 from 18, 38.9% M Stocks, 7 from 21, 33.3%; G Wagg, 8 from 32, 25.0%; I Belding, 7 from 31, 22.6%; W O'Scarman, 5 from 23, 21.7%, MCKEYS: L Descrit, 12 witness from 48 false, 25.0%; M Roberts, 17 from 79, 21.5%; J S Sanders, 4 from 20, 20.0%; T Chaina, 3 from 15, 20.9%; A Saran, 4 from 21, 19.0%; W Ryan, 13 from 77, 16.9%.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

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2 0021 BRICHWOOD SUN 14 (D.F.S) R Hollmohand 2-11. W Ryan 14 3 0200 MB/WHITER DREAM 13 D Elsmorth 8-8. L. Dettor 1 4 4424 RHAVON 15 (B.B.F) I Bridding 8-8. A Mituro 10 5 1 DOULABELA 44 (D.B.) M Present 8-8. G Definid 4 6 1945 TARNISCHE POSAL 28 (D.F.G.) J Elsmington 8-7. J Carroll 8 7 3225 WOLF POWER 16, 7 Element Josep 8-4. K Darby 7 8 1310 HELLD HOBSOUTS 29 (D.F.) J Alebest 5-3. Dans McKraows 2 9 2000 PSGEFILL HEPLY 14 F Lin 6-3. K Fiston 16 10 06 EARLY SONG 35 F WHAPEN 6-2. R Him 8 17 5124 MR BUTCH 14 (CD.F) M Champin 8-2. J Dotton 12 10 DPME ROBE LAN 9 (B.F) M Johnston 8-1. M Reburts 15 13 3054 COMANCHE COMPANION 16 T Naughton 6-1. G Curtor 9 14 456 GWEEX 28 P Kollows 9-9. J P Robbots 15 15 14155 PILERM BW/1 4 (B.) J Broyy 7-13 P Robbots 15 15 4505 MLBARK CHAILENGER 33 M H Easterty 7-12 5 Malenony (3) 11 7 2805 TREVORSWIEFFORTS 17 (BEF) M Reps 7-9. F Richton 13) 18 1400 GOOOSYE MELLE 38 (CD.F) S Norton 7-9. F Richton 13) 18	305 (4) 014 BESSARMAN THEF 20 (0.1) 306 (8) 21 BBI ANNAO 14 (S) (A Morall 305 (7) 11 DESERT SHOTE BY (7) Makes 305 (7) 11 DESERT SHOTE BY (7) Makes 306 (6) 1 KUSAMEA 43 (0.6) (5 Morton 307 (11) 301 (8) 12005 PORT LUCKYA 20 (S,F.6) (2) 300 (5) 520 PRESS GALLERY 9 Curd Heet 310 (3) 12 URSHIT REQUEST 20 (0.9F,S 311 (1) 4120 ZMEZHABIM 6 (7) (K Al-Said) BETTING: 7-2 DESERT Shot. 4-1 Bin Almant, 5-1 Urgest Beggarman Hild, New Caprocon, 14-1 Port Locap., 16
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11-2 hir Betech, 5-1 Sharities, 15-2 Temodde Rocal, 8-1 Committee Companion, 16- 1 Processul Reply, Plan Ridge Last, Trayscrologoulus, 12-1-10lass	SHARP PROOF 254 3nd of 7 to Ferest Wind in group one Rokeby Farms Mill Red Stakes here (R), good). NOMINATOR heat URGENT REDUKST
4.30 BLUFF COVE HANDICAP  (£2,721: 2m if 216yd) (10)  1 -021 AMBRICADE 17 (C.5) Mcs 6 Roveky 8-9-10 K Durky 3 2 9008 PLETTAN 22 (5) 6 Harvinos 3-9-10 T Quiken 2 3 2005 ALGARS 281) 6 Floring 3-9-2 T P Elbot 4 6-0 08/ALA 16 W Man 4-9-72 M Roberts 5	Same lerms) tack in 3-turner Newmarks! (7), good) island size with BEGGARMAN THEF 11 Air and PORT LICANA 2415 St. BEGGARMAN THEF both Sures. 143 in 11-turner Variability (7), good to first) mainten on penultimate start with PRESS GALLERY 5167 Str.  COURSE S
4 04-0 bitALA 16 Wikle 4-9-12. M Roberts 5 5 5240 MASTERTS CHOWN 13J M Catamin 4-8-7. K Fishin 7 6 CRICK THE 24 (8) Miss M Marcaley 4-8-7 S D Williams (9) 10 7 4520 PERFORATE 18 (6) M Process 3-8-4. 8 Duribed 8 8 1028 COST EFFECTIVE 110 (7) M Stripm 5-8-3. J Lowe 6 9 104- RATHER STRESS 370 (7) B Robert 5-9-1. J Culon B 10 9504 RATHER TR J March 3-7-8. S Wood 1 9-4 Archonoculo, 4-7 Islamborolds, Puritine, 11-2 Producide, B-1 Cost Effective, Missin's Cross., 10-1 offices.	TRAINERS Wins Rms % H Cadl 34 95 35.8 M Soute 24 117 20.5 J Gooden 14 71 197.2 J Totler 4 25 16.0 R Cartage 8 56 14.3
5.00 ASTA HOTEL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: \$2,973: 1m* 4yd) (21)  1 543 ALESSATION 8 P Cote 5-0	ASCOT Going: good  1.25 (2m Al Inde) 1, BELAFONTE (D Bohen, 8-1), 2, Royal Wonder (M Foster, 8-0); 3, Uninoly Allianus (B Bezin, 11-2), ALSO RAN, 7-4 law Never Forgonen (Siri), 8 Suren (Alth), 12 Meharnet (Biri), 68 Emerald Hill (Du) 7 ren 2'41, 19, 81, 44, 201 P Murphy at Binstol, Tota: £7.50; £2.90, £1.00, DF. 59.80 CSF. £19.29. 1.35 (2m 11)old hole 1, ARCTIG CIRCLE (S McNeil, 8-11 tay); 2, Allou's Mirror (W MoFartend, 11-2), 3, My Serror (A Maguira, 9-1), ALSO RAN 9 Alerrason (Siri), 20 Boem Me Lio Scotty (4th), 7 Major Resk (I), 50 Grey But Rosy (pu), 7 ren 224, 21, 21, 201 Mass A Whatheld at Lambourn, Tota: £1.50, £1 10, £2.20 DF £2 T0, CSF. £5 09 £2.25 (2m 3; 110), d ch) 1, RETAIL RUMINER Lord Law (18-1), 3, Neither Pride (A Tory, 5-6 fary), ALSO RAN 5 Fais Crossing (4th), 13-2 Johnny Wal (Str), 14 Red Fing, 20 The Vatraen Cornell (8th), 16 Alegbye (Feb), 8 ren 8, 4), 12, 2, d 13 Gillford at Findon Tota: £9.10; £2.20, £3.10, £1.10, DF £85.10 CSF. £91 15, 3, Hogmanny (H Derice, 12-1), ALSO RAN 8-4 Mester Righ (8th), 5-2
6 433 FARTY WISHEST 10 A Stewart 6-0	Moment Of Truth (4th), 10 Sireh Jey (5th) 6 nn 25t, 3t, 27t, 3tl, 4. A Turnel at Warsage, 10te, 52.60; \$1.70, \$7.20, D7: 50.50. CSF: 528.51. 3.30 (2m 110yd hdie) 1. SATIN LOVER (G McCourt, 4-6 fey, Mandarin's nap); 2. Grand Heek & Studamore, 8-1); 3. Shoote (6 Durwoody, 20-1). Also RAin-7 Busted Rock (6th), 9. Cyprus (5th), 10 Jeckson Fift, 16 Emeboy (4th), 100 Selveger (Pulled Up), 33 Elegent Friend
Blinkered first time NEWBURY: 4 18 Ligrary Cabe, Well Directed 5.10 Mectarisms. PONTEFRACT: 225 Private Bank. 5.00 Resolution Time 5.30 Wall.	Busied Rock (8th), 9 Oypute (5th), 10 Jackson First. 16 Emeloy (4th), 100 Selvager (Pulled Up), 23 Elegant Friend (pu), Oh So Handy (pu), Ushiek (pu), 11 can NR: Twight Rain. 8t, 194, 194, 194, 24. N Trintier at Mellon. Totale. E1.70; E1.30, E1.40, £2.50, DF: E5 60. CSP; £7 13.

canton today.

I saw Remittance Man at Seven Barrows recently and he looked ready to begin the new season where he left off last, on a triumphant note.

The only time that Remitnance Man has been beaten in II races over fences was at Kempton last Boxing Day when he appeared to fail to last out three miles in the King George VI Chase. Otherwise he has reigned supreme.

Over today's shorter trip, he should continue to do so as he the 1990 Gold Cup. He spent

This, then, is a race for the connoisseur.

needed the run at Wetherby

Unlike Remittance Man. who takes little getting ready. Kings Fountain and Norton's Coin both seem to need a race to bring them to concert pitch. Kings Fountain certainly

last autumn before he ran away with the valuable H & T Walker Gold Cup at Ascot.

ing been brought down at Uttoxeter last time before

being remounted to finish

third On the Flat, at Newbury, the Vodafone Horris Hill Stakes should prove most in-formative. While I was taken by the way that Bin Ajwaad won at York, I marginally prefer the unbeaten Desert Shot, who was equally impres-

sive when winning at New-Norton's Coin's principal market and Chester Being a son of Sharpo.

with him, now tackles the Vodafone Group Handicap. I just prefer Lester Piggott's mount, Citiqueen, who was such a good second to the subsequent Sun Chariot Stakes winner Red Slippers at

Newcastle last time. Finally, Branston Abby. who has won handicaps under big weights at Pontefract and Chepstow this month, is napped to win the Blackmires Claiming Stakes on her return to the south Yorkshire track.

#### NEWBURY

THUNDERER

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MANDARIN	
2.05 Bill Moon.	
2.40 Citiqueen.	
3.10 Desert Shot.	
3.40 Forever Diamonds.	
4.10 Tunbridge Wells.	

5.10 Gone Savage.

2.05 Bill Moon. 2.40 Top Spin. 3.10 Sharp Prod. 3.40 Forever Diamonds. 4.10 WILL SOON (nap).

RICHARD EVANS: 2.40 Welsh Mill. 3.10 KUSAMBA (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 CITIQUEEN (nap), 3.10 Desert Shot. 5.10 Belated.

The Times Private Handicapper's too rating: 2.05 BILL MOON.

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GOING: GOOD TO SOFT	DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE	

2.05 VODAFONE BRITISH AND NORTHERN RACING SCHOOLS

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낎	(tr)		235064 31 (B.F.G) (D Mail) W Mair 6-9-10 Xim McDownell	1
頜	O	033001	HEHLAND MAGIC 12 (D,6) (N Carroll) M Fethersion-Godley 4-9-9 N Knoody	1
04	(14)		JUST A STEP 10 (D.F.E.S.) (H. McConnect) M. McConnect (5-9-9. S. Mahrey CS)	-
05	(12)	140003	HOPERIL BID 36 (B.D.F) (N Capon) R Hanson 3-9-7 Minrix Denoro (6)	
06	(5)	415130	SIGPPER YO BLUE 9 (D.F.G.S) (Nrs. J Collies) M Jarde 5-8-6 F Annual J	-
87	(20)	900103	THEWAARI 27 (D.F) (5 Subali) A Scott 3-9-3	i
8	(13)	00-0050	CORPAN HILL 183 (D.F.G) (K lang) 8 Hills 5-9-2 8 McCartly (6)	ì
8	(10)	302000	AMETHYSTIME 10 (D.F.G) (J Marsall) R Hodges 6-9-1	ì
10	(2)	005400	LEIGH CROFTER 14J (D.S) (K Leatheater) P Marphy 3-8-10 S Drowne	1
11	(1)		SMIL MOON 9 (ILF,6) (P Feliden) P Felideo 6-8-9 (Sec) Stephen Davies	Ì
12	(0)		CHARGED IONAVE 10 (D.F.G) (Min M Oleson) D Labo 7-8-8 A Tucker	1
13	(19)		KAY BEEYOU 100 (D Musbens) T Thomson Jours 3-8-5 WON-RUMBER	
14	dis		PENNY DROPS 10 (BF,S) (S Sharp) Lord Huntington 3-8-4 D Harrison	
15	(21)	205000	GOLD JUST 24 (E Bendicto) P Maltin 3-8-2	ì
18	(10)	350008	ROYAL DARTMOUTH 9 (F,S) (Auministra Carpets Ltd) B Millionen 7-8-(L. K Ruster	į
17	(8)		ROXY MUSIC 22 (D.F) (D Bassi K Cureingian-Brown 3-7-11 J Williamson (II)	ŝ
18	(15)		BROOKS EXPRESS 6 (T Malti) R Alebert 3-7-11	ì
19	(17)		LOCITAGE 44 (D.F.B.S.) Pleasury Racing Club) M Unber 6-7-9 A Martinez (3)	1
20	(4)		ZINBACI 18 (D.BF.F.B.S) (Mrs R Baller) C Beestwat 6-7-7 D Tools (6)	i
-	- 485	Godges.	same provide management of the distance of the formation of the first flow and	-

Long handicap: Zhang 7-6, Hightown Princess 7-2 EUDIN EUCITIC

I UNIVI	10003
MGROCCO 2541 2nd of 17 to Ls Bambe in Redical (7), good in soll) handicap. ZEBOBA beat Provid Regolder 154 in 11-runner Folkestone (6), good) handicap. HiGHLAND MASIC beat Prenomenos: 156 in 19-runner York (7), good) handicap. THEWARR 31 3nd of 12 to Ansating Feet in Redical (7), good) handicap SRLL MOON beat Kesawics 31	In 20-namer Chepciow (6), good) balles' hands PERRY DROP'S 254 4th of 20 to Barnstain Bet- Lehester (7), good to sook handless with A THYSTRE 996 Bth, CHARMED MAKE 11th JUST A STEP 12th. BROOKS EUPRESS 654 of 12 to Melid Dean in Catarick (7), good) make of 12 to Melid Dean in Catarick (7), good) make Selection: PERRY DROP'S

2.	4(	VOD/	FONE GROUP HANDICAP	
3-1	-0.	23,850:	1m·5f 61yd)·(10 runners)	
201	(5)	1-0112	CITROUGHI 52 (F,S) (I Allen) H Cash 5-7 L Propost	91
201 202 203 204 205 206	(4)		DARU SD (V.F.S) (Smith Mohemened) J Ecoden 8-13 S Cauthen	
Ale	(3)		WELSH MELL 33 (6) (Lord Welestock) Lord Hendingson 8-8 W R Gwleiburn	
204	[39		TOP SPIN 26 (F,6) (Nas it Dalgely) W Hem 8-4 J Williams	
205	(1)	212501	CRYSTAL CROSS 24 (6) (P Mollon) / Balding 8-1	25
206	御		ANTIBUAN R.YER 23 (D.BF,S) (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-0	
207	(1)		INOR'S FLUTTER 13 (G.S) (W Perry) D Elements 7-10	
338	(10)		RIVER ANCHOR 16 (S) (A Davies) is Charles 7-7	
209	(6)	341550	MOCTAWEL 30 (6) (M Rigerberg) H Thorsen Joves 7-7	92
210	(2)	223212	ALYAPILL B (S) (A Aú) B Hurbury 7-7	E

SETTING: 4-1 Datu. 5-1 Catourum, Weich Mill, 6-1 Chystal Cross. 8-1 Alyahi. Fiver Anchor. 10-1 hor's Fluter. Top Spin, 12-1 Antigron Piper, 16-1 Moclamel. 1901: JACKSON FLINT 9-7 R Hills (12-1) H Thomson Jones 13 tm.

#### FORM FOCUS

Verir (1m, 61, good) Institution, WELSH MELL, 32 2ml Lo of 18 to Casterer in hundrony over course and its distance (good). TOP SPIN 11 2ml of 9 to Nijme- ner in Hardisch, 11m 61, paged, in salt) handron, it so	, good in solf) handkap. RIVER ANCHOR biblio 254 in 13-numer Follesstane (1m 41, g solf) madden. Mules handkap debut Al./Al ch 2nd of 5 to Yildic in Calenick (1m 41, gr plentice Jecleys' 1abs. section: RIVER ANCHOR
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3.	10	VOD/	AFONE HORRIS HILL STAKES colls and geldings: £25,580: 7f 64yd) (11 runners)	1
301	(S)		SHAPP PROD 33 (F.G.S) (The Queen) Lord Huntington 9-3 L. Piggs	
302	(la)	131321	HOMELATOR 20 (D.F.S) (J. Gratam) R Holdesheed 9-1	n E
303	(4)		BEGGARDAAN THEF 20 (D,F) (I. knight) J Gosten 6-12	
304	(0)		BBI AJWAAD 14 (S) (A Maran) B Hambury 8-12	
305	(7)		DESERT SHOT BY (F) (Malagorii Al Malagorii) M Sabate 8-12 19 R Swindon	m Pi
306	(6)	1	KUSANBA-49 (D,S) (S Nectors) R Charles 8-12	<b>5</b> 91
307	(11)	101	NEW CAPRICORN 103 (D.F.6) (X Bheis) M Janés 8-12	of Bi
308	(8)	312005	PORT LUCAYA 20 (B.F.G) (E SI George) R Hasson 8-12	H 92
30	(5)	553	PRESS GALLERY 9 (Long Howard de Welderd Mrs. J Cocal 8-12 Paul Edde	y B
310	(3)		SURSENT REGUEST 20 (D,BF,S) (K Abouto) B Hats 8-12 Pat Edda	
371	m	4120	ZNEZALASIM 6 (F) (K Al-Salo) B Hills 8-12	4 9
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TRAINERS H Cacil M Stoute J Gooden J Toller R Charles	Wins 34 24 14 5 4	Pars. 95 117 71 29 25 56	35.8 20.5 197 17.2 16.0 14.3	JOCKEYS S Casilien Pat Eddery W Carson D Karrlson W R Swindum R Cockrane	Waners 42 54 42 21 21	Padesi 194 278 272 36 190 198	21.6 19.4 15.4 15.4 11.1 10.6
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## 3.40 AMEC BUILDING HANDICAP

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h	(11)	000541	HEART OF DARKNESS 17 (V.C.F.S) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-10-0	92
2			AMAZE 10 (CO.S) (Lady Kethanine Phillips) Lady Henries 3-9-8	82
3		114210	TALENT 33 (V.O.F) (The Gueen) Lord Harbingdon 4-9-7 B Raymond	92
H			KNOCK TO ENTER 20 (F) (M Smorth) M Stade 4-9-5	
ğ			ASHAADIR 12 (F.S) (Shalife Alemed Al Makinum) J Bossley 4-9-5 5 Cauthon	
6	(8)	3616-00	WILD AND LOOSE 127 (D.G) (R Richards) D Elsworth 4-9-3	83
17	(2)	221221	FOREVER DIAMONOS 14 (D.F.B.S) (Mrs. J. Rassell) M H Easterby 5-8-10 M Sinch	2
8			SHARP Nº SMOOTH 171 (D.BF.F.S) (Nits E Mitchell) R Hannes 5-8-7. L. Piggott	
9	(3)		DASWAKI 12 (D.F.S) (D. Allen) R Haznon 4-8-7	
0			MARINE DIVER 18 (D.F.G.) (Meeting Tydis Cars Ltd) 5 Milliman 6-8-6 Date Gibson	
1	(6)	221532	SHAFFAAF 14 (V,G) (R Cave) P Erass 4-8-2	96
2	14	354551	PEPPIN PARK 10 (D.S) (M. Wyat) H Candy 3-8-1 Assoinates Armes (7)	92
П			Dismonds, 6-1 Aphasdir. Henri Of Darkness, Kenes To Boles. 8-1 Amaze, 18-1 Shell	

BETTING, 4-1 Fernier Distronds, 6-1 Aghandir, Hints Ut Librouss, House IV Date, 6-1 Assaul, Martine Days, Sharp M Scrooth, 16-1 Talent, 25-1 Wild And Locks.

1901: ROGER DE BERKSTED 3-9-10 S Guiden (16-1) J Guiden 17 pm

#### FORM FOCUS

EART OF DARKHESS best Talb 31 in 11-runner 1	1
annici. (71, solit) states racz. AMAZE 15/1 2nd of	
to Caspian Tem in Lexessor (1m 2f, good to soft)	
Siers race TALENT bast Auch N'Bee 21 in 9-	11
nner Bhith (fm, film) handicag on penultimals	1
art 1040CX 110 ENTER 2141 7th of 18 to Millsolin	1
Normariet (71, good) hundicap with ASHAADIR	
P41 18th.	
DREVER DIAMONDS best SHARFAAF (6th better	

manuer. Selection: Heart of Darkiness

#### 4.10 ENBORNE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,077: 1m 2f 6yd) (14 runners)

(8)	2-04240	CONSTRUCTIVIST 37 (Delo Ltd) 8 Hills 9-0	9
[13]		DISPUTED CALL 13 (The Thoroughtered Exchange) J Hills 9-0	9
(1)	45	GRAND HONDA 51 (F Grinshad Honda Ltd) C Britain 9-0 B Doyle (5)	
(7)		HIGHLAND DRESS (Skelin Mohammer) M Stoute 9-0	
(6)	46	LITERARY CRITIC 23 (B) (A Sangsler) J Toller 9-0 Date Gibson	7
(9)	0463	POMPION 27 (Shalis Molammed) J Costler 9-0 B Crossley	
(10)	000503	SOCKS AND SHARES 20 (The Pail Brokes) P Hums 9-0	7
(3)			
(11)			
(14)	244830	WILL SOON 21 (H Candy) H Candy 9-0 C Plates:	9
(2)		ALWATAR (Statis) Ahmed Al Maidtumi & Stewart 8-9 A McGlone	,
(12)	52-2425	CHOPPY CHOPPY 106 (Mrs. J Corbett) 8 Hills 8-9	1
(5)		HUDUD (H Al-Maktours) A Stewart 8-9	-
(4)	43		
NG: 5	-1 Tunbridge	pe Wells, 6-1 Chappy Chappy, Highland Dress, 7-1 Time For A Retier, 8-1 Will Soon, 1	ığ-
		(13) (1) 45 (7) 46 (9) 0463 (10) 000503 (3) 0-46 (11) 90 (14) 244030 (2) (12) 52-2425 (5)	45   SPAND HONDA 51 (F Grimshard Hoads Ltd) C Britain 9-0

1991: BLUE BEFOS FLY 8-9 S Paymoni (11-2) R Camiton 15 cm

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Guv's Joy (7-1) comfortably won the Marford Maiden Stakes, and was followed an hour later by a similarly easy win for Lost Reputation (10-1). The Seer (8-1) completed the treble in the final race, leading close home to beat Anaxagoras by a head.

## Speedie drops out of Premier League to join Birmingham

DAVID Speedie, the transferlisted Southampton forward, yesterday decided to drop out of the FA Premier League, albeit temporarily, when he joined Birmingham City, of the first division, on a month's

Speedie, who lives in nearby Coventry, was made available for transfer last week after refusing Southampton's request to move his home nearer the south coast

If things work out, it could he stretched to three months with a view to a permanent deal after that," Terry Cooper, the Birmingham manager "When I read in the newspapers that Coventry City had refused to allow him trainwith them, I asked myself why we shouldn't have him at Birmingham. We are crying out for goals and he'll bring us what we've been missing." Birmingham, promoted from last season's third division, have scored only nine goals in division one this season.

"If nobody else has moved in for him after the first month, the chances are we'll be able to keep him for another two," Cooper added. Then it would be a good guide for me to see how ambidous we are as a club if we want to sign him

permanently." Speedie opted to ioin Birmingham rather than sign for Barosley. The South York-shire club bad hoped to bring Speedie to Oakwell on loan. Ian Branfoot, the Southampton manager, said yester-

BY PETER BARNARD

FOR most people the tele-vision schedule is a thing of

mostly optional appoint-

ments with the box built

news bulletins, game shows,

soans or documentary series.

These times are pro-

grammed into the memories-

(if not the VCRs) of regular

Sport is another matter.

There is a limited audience

who will watch anything that

involves competition. But for

sport to enjoy healthy tele-

vision audiences it needs

specific times at which we

can expect to turn on and get

day: "It was up to David. This move suits him because he can train and play with them for a few weeks while we sort out his future." In the longer term, Southampton want to recoup the £400,000 they paid to Blackburn Rovers when Signing Speedie at the start of the

"I haven't played for three weeks and can't wait to get going again," Speedie said. He will make his debut in Saturday's game with Bristol Rovers at St Andrew's.

John Beck had yesterday apparently lost interest in the managerial vacancy at second divison Preston North End after travelling up to Lanca-shire to watch their 2-0 win against Reading on Tuesday night. Beck remains in charge at first division Cambridge United, but his position is understood to be tenuous at the Abbey Stadium, Reg Smart, the Cambridge chairman, being unhappy with his manager's enthusiasm for seeking alternative employ-

Smart said: "We gave John Beck permission to talk to Preston. He has told me he now does not want the job but does not want his reasons made public." Preston yesterday insisted Beck had neither "applied for, being inter-viewed or turned the job

Beck said: "I have no qualms about saying I want to manage a big club, but I do not know whether I will have to take one of the sleeping

Golf the best prize

in the lucky dip

giants through the divisions." In three years, Beck steered Cambridge from the fourth division to the brink of the Premier League, but has recently faced opposition from his players who are frustrated by his insistence on playing route one football.

Preston have had 69 appli cations for the opening created by the sacking of Les Chap-man earlier this season, but Sam Allardyce, the former Bolton Wanderers and Sun-derland centre half, hopes to make his caretaker role

Ian Atkins yesterday emerged as favourite to become the new manager of Gillingham. The Birmingham City assistant manager, who has previously managed Colchester United and formerplayed for Ipswich Town, Birmingham. Sunderland and Everton, is expected to be named ahead of Steve Harrison, the former England coach now working at Crystal Palace Gillingham, presently bottom of the third division, dismissed Damien Richardson earlier this month.

Chester City, propping up the second division, are still seeking a replacement for Harry McNally, who was dismissed on Monday. Graham Barrow, the caretaker, is a contender for the post, as are Kevin Ratcliffe, the Everton central defender, Phil Thompson, late of Liverpool, and Gordon McQueen, Leeds one time Scottish

#### BASKETBALL

#### Moore's tally lifts London

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

around all four channels,

can find them. Their best bets at the weekend were the Bruno-Coetzer contest on Saturday night and the Dunhill Cup golf on both

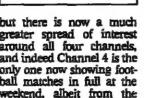
what we were expecting. in the winter, the most fixed of all these for the past several years has been Sunday afternoon football. When FTV first secured an exclusive contract, now gone to BSkyB with the BBC picking up the crumbs; the audiences were said to be missed some splendid golf. disappointing, but only in

I did not think there was the intensely competitive ratines game could five million viewers be considered a Now that Sunday afternoon football has gone from the terrestrial channels, sport on television has become a lucky dip. The past weekend produced plenty that was watchable, but nothing that I suspect that BSkyB is selling a lot of satellite dishes

not because anyone thinks. that the Premier League is unmissable, but because they have come to expect have taken some of the crispness out of his punching. football live on television and will do whatever is necessary I think this must have

contributed to the fragmentation of sport on television: For many years ITV and the BBC competed more or less equally for the Saturday afternoon audience. Then ITV dropped out. That left the BBC with a monopoly. which it exploited expertly by introducing Sunday Grandstand, carrying over an audience from one day to the

seemed essential.



and indeed Channel 4 is the only one now showing foot-ball matches in full at the weekend, albeit from the Italian league. This leaves the BBC grasping for audiences where it

days.

The golf lost some of its glitter because several big

names were absent, but the young English team more than made up for that by winning an exciting contest. Those who switched off, or did not switch on, because Faldo et al were absent

anything very splendid about the fight. The jokey interviews between Harry Carpenter and Bruno are wearing a bit thin, as is the argument that Bruno is on his way to the world title. Gary Mason, who shared the studio with Lennox Lewis, clearly believes that even if Bruno gets the world title. Lewis will soon take it off him; and seen on television the extra weight that Bruno was carrying appeared to

Mason raised another point when he said that some of the tactics used by Bruno would have brought a good deal more adverse comment had they come from his opponent. That may be so, although for years observers have complained that Bruno was too nice to be champion. The critics can

hardly have it both ways. But the golf was the best prize in the lucky dip. Sadly, with television viewers so accustomed to big names, I doubt that it produced the best of the audiences.

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FORTY points from Joel Moore, the highest individual to the second second score of the season, in the 79-78 victory at Manchester Giants lifted London Towers TV rewards to third place in the Carlsberg League table.

Moore's haul, which to catch ball cheats

included eight three-pointers, some from remarkably long range, added to the discomfort of his former team-mates at Guildford Kings, who are now in fourth position, their lowest for years.

While Moore, the England guard, was helping London withstand a late Manchester rally on Sunday, Guildford were still coming to terms with the 86-80 home defeat by Leicester City Riders, their third successive loss, the previous night.

Kevin Cadle, the Guildford and England coach, was also reflecting on his expulsion six seconds from time for arguing with the officials, Noel Malone and Richard Stokes.

"Their calls calls left a lot to be desired," he said. "It finally took its toll on my temper." As Cadle was on his way to the locker-room, Gene Waldron made the game safe for Leicester by taking his tally to 38 points. It was only Cadle's second disqualification during his time in Britain. "As it's only happened once before, I must be doing pretty good,"

The news of Guildford's misfortune was greeted jubi-lantly at Bracknell, where Thames Valley Tigers confirmed their league leadership with a 102-83 win over Hemel Hempstead Royals.

Tigers, who overcame Worthing Bears, the first division's only other unbeaten club, 67-64 on on Friday, raced into a 43-22 lead after 15 minutes but led only 55-46 at half-

"I had no problems with the guys coming out hard after the previous night's game." Mick Bett, the Tigers coach, said. "The thing I'm really sick about is that we conceded 24 minutes the best for minutes. points in the last five mirutes of the half."

Perry Charles kept Hemel's defeat within respectable pro-portions by sinking 26 points while Nigel Lloyd contributed 30 for Tigers. Hemel will undoubtedly be stronger once Mike Niggli's work permit

comes through.

Billy Singleton, another American newcomer, is now cleared to play in Britain and he continues to make a big impact for Birmingham Bullets. He scored 28 points in the 97-90 success over Old-



## Reilly still striving for satisfaction

MALCOLM Reilly is a mag-nificent obsessive. The intensity he has brought to rugby league as Great Britain coach has raised standards and expectations, and the problem of who can possibly succeed him.

The World Cup final against Australia at Wembley on Saturday would be a fitting swansong. After almost six years in the job, Reilly, 44, makes no pretence of his desire to get "closer to the action". While his contract has another 18 months left, his old home-town coaching position at Castleford falls invitingly vacant at the end of the season, when Darryl Van

de Velde leaves. An obvious British successor to the national job is nowhere to be seen. Such single-minded commitment as Reilly has demonstrated as both player and coach reresistance to change still runs deep in rugby league. What Reilly has achieved in intro-

New Zealand television crews

have been offered a reward of about £330 if they spot Paki-

stani bowlers tampering with the ball during their visit in December and January.

The offer has been made by

Television New Zealand after

allegations - strongly denied

- of Pakistani ball tampering

Golf: Dale Reid, the Scottish

international, plunged to an opening round of 74 after

taking eight shots at the par-five 13th in the 36-hole Mobil

Challenge at the Emirates Club in Dubai yesterday.

Power boating: Peter Wilson,

of Guernsey, broke his recent world record for the Offshore

III 1.3 litre class with a speed

of 70.92mph during the record attempts week on Windermere yesterday.

Athletics: Arthur Wint, who

won Jamaica's first Olympic

gold, in the 400 metres in

London 1948, has died in

Kingston. He was 72.

the tour of England.

Rugby league's World Cup final is probably the Great Britain coach's final shot at a big

prize, Christopher Irvine reports

BOXING

Collins eager to get

back on title trail

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ducing more finely tuned preparation, improved levels of fitness, tactical acumen and specific aims to the Great Britain side, has come about in spite of, rather than because of a system that still measures success by the number of games played. Wembley, and the potential

of the match for harnessing growth, should have been the season's rallying point. In-stead, the game has been consumed by minor diversionary causes, leaving Reilly angry and bewildered at having two-thirds of his side involved in a debilitating Lancashire Cup final six days before Wembley. He is adamant that change

must come about now. "If we really are serious about a national profile and progress

TONY Collins renews his

challenge for domestic hon-

ours by trying to win back the

World Boxing Council inter-national light-middleweight title at York Hall, Bethnal

Green, tonight. Collins takes

on Curtis Summit, an Ameri-

can, for the crown automati-

cally vacated by Andy Till when he took the British title

from Wally Swift. Collins, 22, lost a British

title attempt against Swift in July 1991 and has fought

only twice since. The last time.

was in June - and that was

ous bout. He had boxed 22

times in just over three years and was in danger of losing

his zest after a series of tough

bouts, culminating in the hard-fought affair against

Summit has won 19 and

drawn:two of his 27 contests.

Two of his defeats have come against such fine boxers as . Tyrone Trice and the former

end of 1989, but took time to

digest all the information and

discard that which did not suit his swing. "I'm a tinkerer

rather than a person who wants to completely remodel the swing. I knew I was a

eight months after his pre

at international level, then we must look to a better strucpremium on quality and intensity that you can only attain by playing once a week, like in Australia," Reilly

"In our game, clubs can't see further than their own horizon. We need a broader vision. We have to look five years down the road, and if it means getting rid of some of the cup competitions, then-let's do it. The Australians play half the matches we do because they appreciate that quantity sacrifices quality."

Not that Reilly entertains thoughts of losing on Saturday. As one who aspires to the best, beating Australia repre-

sents a rare satisfaction. He

world welterweight champion, Aaron Davis. He will make it difficult for Collins but the

Briton should make a winning

Pat Barrett, of Manchester

has to travel to the boxing

backwater of Luxembourg to

challenge for his former Euro-

pean light-weltweight title.

He will meet the French

champion, Valery Kayumba.

there on December 2.

Barrett held the title until

the summer but a shoulder injury while training led to him being stripped of it and Kayumba won the vacant

Crawford Ashley will meet

Yawe Davis, of Italy, for the

European light-heavyweight title. Ashley and Davis drew in

Italy last month - and Ash-

ley's promoter and manager

Barney Eastwood, has won

the purse bidding, so will

promote the bout in Belfast in

January. The EBU have asked

him to bring it forward.

crown inside a round.

return to the title trail.

side in 1970. Then came four years as a loose forward at Manly Warringah, where he became the only Briton to win two Sydney grand finals. He has defeated Australia three times as Great Britain

coach, but three series defeats in 1988, 1990 and this summer, weigh heavily. Reilly, his features locked in habitual serious contemplation, said: "I don't think I'll really have achieved anything without beating the Aussie

over a series ... I'm hard to

please I suppose."
The World Cup represents a probable last chance at giory, after which Reilly could, with some sense of fulfilment, return to club coaching and help to instigate necessary. Until then, the mind is unerringly focused: I'm not the over-confident sort. I just think winning, nothing else. Defeat is to be tolerated, overcome, but never, never accepted."

SNOOKER

#### Thorburn is swept aside by McManus

By PHIL YATES

ALAN McManus showed maturity far in advance of his years as he brought an abrupt end to Cliff Thorburn's revival with a 5-1 victory in the fifth round of the Rothmans grand prix at the Hexagon theatre,

Reading, yesterday.

McManus, 21, was measured and composed as he won the opening two frames with breaks of 79 and 38 and took the fourth on the black to lead 3-1. Trailing 56-1 in the fifth. Thorbian compiled a run of 50 but had an appalling kick on the crucial pink and McManus sealed victory with a break of 82 in

the next frame.

Most young players are upset by someone who plays the game as hard and slowly as Cliff but I'm prepared for anything McManus said. T'm a battler, that's the strength of my game."
RESULTS: Fish round: A McMarus (Soot)
bt C Thorbum (Carl, 5-1; T Griffiths (Wales)
bt D Taylor (N ke), 5-2.

#### Lane stands poised to reap his reward

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT 1990. Lane had sought advice from David Leadbetter at the

AS BARRY Lane tees up in the Madrid Open today he knows that in the next 11 days he can put behind him more than 15 years as a journeyman

If Lane wins on the Puerta de Hierro course and plays well in the Volvo Masters, he will be on the threshold of a Ryder Cup debut, and a place in all four major championships next year.

After beginning golf in a field near his home in Bracknell, Berkshire, Lane was compelled to contest the PGA European Tour qualifying tournament seven times the last in 1985 - and his hopes of a breakthrough were further stilled when he contracted a tropical disease.

He won the Bell's Scottish

Open in 1988, but he fell back

to 68th in the order of merit in

better player for making the changes, but it was a question of adapting to them."

At the age of 32, Lane launched this season confident that by playing with a fade rather than a draw he would improve his consistency and his ability to play well under pressure. He also sharpened his short game.

especially his putting.
He bought a 32-inch putter
at the Irish Open last year. "I
know a lot of people think that
I look less than comfortable over the ball when I'm

putting, but I know my new stance has beloed me obtain a solid technique," he said "By stooping over I'm getting a good strike."

He finished fourth, eighth

and second before winning



Lane: blossoming

the German Masters, and tops the Johnnie Walker Ryder Cup points table with £210,933.

"It would mean everything to me to play in the Ryder Cup," he said. "I've been close a couple of times but I honestly don't think it would have been good for me to be in the team then. I always seemed to get nervous in pressurised moments. I still have a nervous feel today, but it doesn't affect my golf." Lane believes he can also

unlock the door to the majors by finishing second to Nick Faldo in the Volvo order of merit. "I'm fourth at the moment and I can get ahead of Bernhard Langer and Anders Forsbrand." Faldo and Langer are absent this week. but Forsbrand is among Lane's rivals.

#### Bad ankle forces Durie to default

THE first step proved to be almost the last far Io Durie in Brighton yestenday. The Brit-ish No. I had barely found her feet in her first round match against Mary Joe Fernandez when she fell awkwardly and twisted an ankle stretching for a backhand on the opening

After being treated on court, she won the first game to love but was forced to defa 3, 0-15 down, giving the No. 2 seeded American an

Durie was followed out of the Midland Bank championship by the British junior, Shirii-Ann Siddall, who lost the first three games to the stundy Texan, Katrina Adams, recovered from 1-4 to 4-4 but fell away after losing the first

A lob, which fell fractionally long, gave Adams the edge in the tie-break and seemed to discussing the Dorset girl.
Siddall, 18, who is ranked

No. 224, has spent most of her year on the smellite circuit and does not feel she really belongs in this company yet despite good wins over Elna Reinach and Monique Javer on grass

She is, though, the pick of a thin crop of British girls and should have benefited from the experience of playing in only her third event of the year on the Kraft tour. As Adams gave Steffi Graf a good match here last year, she need not be discouraged by a 7-6, 6-1

Durie's body seems to be trying to tell her something these days. She was forced to pull out of an event in San Diego in August with a stiff neck. The one consolation for her yesterday was that the injury was not to the suspect back that has caused her so much trouble in the past.

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but in Brighton, quickly worked out that the most painful and profitable course was to stretch her opponent wide on the forehand. Once Durie had dropped her service in the fifth game, the end was

"I can't ever remember having to default from a match and I hate to have to do so but it would have been silly to continue," she said.

Graf should have been stretched rather more than she was by Andrea Strnadova in a " meeting of Wimbledon champions, senior and junior. The Czechoslovak looked woefully short of self-belief and put up only limited resistance.

She has the game but she

doesn't seem to have any game plan," said the top seed after her 6-0, 6-4 victory. Graf now meets Lori McNeil, who has been a persistent foe in the past, but Jana Novotna, the only player in the draw to have besten Graf and a 6-2, 6-0 victor over Natalia Zvereva yesterday. looks the main threat to the German's dominance.

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RESULTS: First round; E Reinach (SA) bt P.
Trosen (Fin), 6-1, 7-5, 6-4; M. J. Fernandez.
(US) bt. J Durie (GB), 3-2, ret; K. Adems (US)
bt. S-A Siddel (GB), 7-6, 6-1. Second
round; J Novotra (C2) bt N Zvereve (CS),
6-2, 6-0, S Straf (Ger) bt A Stradove (C2),
6-0, 6-4; L. McNell (US) bt 1. Meetol
(Georgia), 7-6, 7-6.

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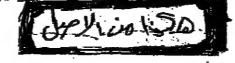
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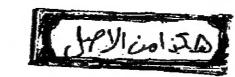
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6.00 Ceefax (94174) 6.30 Breakfast News (27850735)
9.05 Kilroy. Topical discussion series (6950464) 9.45 The Rose King Show. The guest is actress Jill Gascoine (s) (6980700)
10.00 News and Weather (6797303) 10.05 Playdays (s) (7315803)
10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick. Weskday family magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (77758464)

12.15 Pebble Mill. Judi Spiers visits the set of Beywelch and meets

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1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (59938)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (80739551) 1.50 Going For Gold. General knowledge quiz game (s) (80740687)
2.15 Racing From Newbury and Snooker. Live coverage of the 2.40, 3.10 and 3.40 races; and lifth round action in the Rothmans grand-nriz (259358)

3.50 Puppydog Tales. Adventures of four dogs, narrated by Victoria.
Wood (s) (2127385) 3.55 Noddy. Animated adventures of the Enid
Blyton hero (s) (2500484) 4.05 Star Peter Stron continues
his search for the Ster Pet of 1992 (s) (7457919) 4.15 Get Your Own Back. Slapstick game show presented by Dave Benson Philips (s) (2589754) 4.30 Uncle Jack and the Dark Side of the Moon. Episode four of the sk-part drams starring Paul Jones, Fenella Fielding and Vivian Pickes. (Ceefex) (s) (532)

5.00 Newsround (8297629) 5.05 Blue Pater with the launch of a blue safety competition. (Ceefex) (4313445)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefex) (s) (170174). Northern Tretand: Inside Uister

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Hervey. (Ceetas) Weather (975)

6.30 Regional News Magazines (377). Northern Ireland: Neighbours.

7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Tony Dorie (s) (9209)

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7.30 EastEnders. (Ceetax) (s) (261)
8.00 As Time Goes By. Bob Larbey's romantic comedy series staining
Judi Dench and Geoffrey Palmer (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5629)
8.30 Waiting For God. Graham Crowden and Stephanie Cole star as
the elderly scourges of a retirement home. (Ceefax) (s) (7464
9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour party (695735) 9.05 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefex) Regional news and weather (275735)



Head-to-head cases: Oriti Rhys Jones, Mel Smith (9.35pm)

 CHOICE: Parody has become the sincerest form of flettery and one of the happiest innovations in the new Spitting Image series is "Smith and Brown", a head-to-head between the two Labour party leaders in the style of Mei and Griff. The original is back tonight, still gloriously inventive as the duo regale each other with the cliches of television ade. Elsewhere in the show there is some loss of bite, or it may just be that since we first saw Mel and Griff television cornedy has become shriller and ruder. A bigger criticism is that instead of coming to a climactic punchline, too many sketches simply fade and die. As with the England footbell teem the build-up is better than the linish. For all that there are a number of clear goals, and besides it is good to have a comedy sketch show entirely free of erences. (Ceefax) (604483)

topical references. (Ceefax) (804483)

10.05 One Foot. In the Grave. Margaret is delighted when -Victor becomes immersed in a new hobby — until she discovers that he has been painting a nucle and taken the model home after class. Starring Richard Wilson and Annetic Crostile (f). (Ceefax) (587377). Northern Ireland: Spotlight; Wales: A Sense of Europe.

10.35 Question Time from Maidatone, Kent, presented by Peter Sissone. The panel is Lord Wetherill, Andrew Netl and MPs Harriet Harman and David Wittest (452735). Northern Ireland: One Foot in the Grave 11.05-12.05 Question Time.

11.35 Law and Order. American crims and courtroom drama series.

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starring George Dzundze and Christopher Noth (r) (767464); Wales: One Foot in the Grave 12.05am Law and Order 12.50 News and weather 12.25am Weather (4367588), Ends at 12.30 2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (99033), Ends at 2.45

8.00 Breakfast News (4099193) 8.15 Westminster (4389822)

8.00 Breakfast News (4089193) 8.15 Westminster (4388822) 9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational programmes 2.00 News and weather (51763532) followed by You and Me (r) (32865551) 2.15 He's Playing our Song. During a weakend break at a houry hotel five guests relive past lives and experiences through the music of the cocktail lourge plantst (r) (2545822) 2.55. The History Man. Bryan McNerney with a profile of Georgetown, a busy commercial centre in Malaysia which owes its prosperity to a man form Subtrale Mr (7884000). man from Suffolk (r) (7854209)

3.00 News and weather (311445) followed by Westminster Live, lain McWhiner and John Cole present live coverage from the Commons

including prime minister's questions (7411087) 3.50 Mems, regional news and weather (2509735) 4.00 Shooker: David Vine introduces lifth round action from the

Rothmans grand prix at the Hexegon, Reading (s) (89990)
4.55 Liverpool in Europe. Live coverage of the European cup, second round first leg match between Spertak Moscow and Liverpool
7.00 Food and Drink. Includes an investigation into complaints about ten overs and a recipe for a light apple and almond tent (r). (C (a) Walse: Spain on a Plate
7.30 First Sight: The Burglery Business. Antonia Higgs reports on the boom in the burglery business in the South East, Northern Ireland:

Route 92: Wales: Dad's Army; East: Matter of Pact; Midlands: Midlands Report: North, North-east and North-west: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; South-west: Western Approach; West: Close Up West (803)

8.00 A Cook's Tour of France. Mirelile Johnson samples the specialities of the Burgundy region, considered by some to be the gastronomic centre of France (3071)

8.30 Top Gear. On the first day of the Motor Show, a visit to the NEC in

8.30 Top Geer. On the tirst day or the Moute Show, a visit to the Misubishi Birminghern. Plus a road test of the Mazda RX7 and the Misubishi 3000GT (s) (5006)
 9.00 Bottom, Smutty menic humour series written by and starring Rik Mayall and Adrian Edmondson. (Ceefax) (s) (2700)



A star is reborn: Joan Turner returns in Brookside (9.20pm)

ent imperfect: The Comeback

● CHOICE: In the 1950s comedienne Joan Turner was a star, her name up in Blackpool lights alongside Tony Hancock and Jimmy Edwards. But even then, as she admits, she was fond of a dmik and tended to upset people. By 1991 she was long forgotten, living alone with her memories in a cluttered little flat in Banstead. Then the soap opera *Brookside* offered her the part of Aunty Lou. At the age of 68 she had the chance to be farnous again, Manlyn Gaunt's film charts the Tumer corneback and tells the perallel story of a programme desperate to revive its ratings. The film is illuminating in brograntine desperate to revive its ratings. The first is illuminating in both areas. Turner is a gutsy old trouper, still upsetting people but in control of the drink and refueing to believe that her time is past. Brookside, meanwhile, is approaching episode 1,000 and determined to make the occasion special (s) (64803)

10.30 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour party (543261).

10.35 Newsanight with Jeremy Pewnen (618005) 11.20 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (395261) 11.55 Later with Jools Holland. The guests are Was Not Was, Smokey

Probinson, Tasmin Archer and, from Malt, Baaba Meal and Ocumou Sangare (7295648) 12.45am Waather (6867588) 12.50 Smooker. David Vine introduces highlights of the evening session from the Hexagon, Reading (a) (8114033). Ends at 1.45 3.00 BBC Select RCN Nursing Update (69694). Ends at 4.00

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6.00 TV-em (6632342) 9.26 Keynotes. Music quiz hosted by Alistair Divail (s) (1717261) 9.55 Thames News (7324551)

10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion series (8631551) 10.35 This Morning. Family magazine presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather

and regional news at 11.55 followed by rational weather (26490551)

12.10 The Riddiurs. Children's pupper series (r) (7705884)

12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler. (Oracle)

Weather (8569551) 1.05 Thames News (89152764)

1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (306551)

1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial serial in the Australian culticak (305822) 2.15 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond goes behind the scenes of popular ITV

and Channel 4 programmes; Barry Took delves into the archives (397803) 2.45 Take the High Road. Drama serial set in the Highlands (6330716)

News headlines (8122551) 3.15 Thames News headlines (8121822) 3.20 GP. Australian medical drama serial set in a suburban surgery (4721087) 3.50 The Rutiles. Animation (r) (4822713) 3.55 Capitain Zed and the Zee Zone (a) (8873532) 4.20 Rolf's Cartoon Club. Rolf Harris's

guest is Going Live! presenter Kristian Schmid (2583547) 4.50 Art Attack. Children's art show presented by Neil Buchanan (4874613) 5.10 Who's the Boes? American comedy series (4234984)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (341735)
5.55 Thames Help (r) (888822)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (193)
6.30 Thames News (445)

7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle) (4377)

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7.30 Jimmy's. Real life drames concerning the patients and staff of St James's University Hospital, Leeds (629)
8.00 The Bill: We Should be Talking. When the police radio system fails PC Garfield finds himself out on his own in pursuit of three ramnaiders. (Ceefax) (3025)
8.30 This Weelc Shattodi. In the wake of the government's announcement of swingeing pit closures Margaret Gilmore reports from the Nottinghamshire coal fields on the plight of the members of the UDM and Peter Gill examines the economic arguments for and ageinst the decimation of Britain's coal industry (2532)



Cat-and-mouse games: Macpherson, McManus (9.00pm)

9.00 Taggart. The final episode of the three-part thriller starring Mark McManus as the dour Glaswagian detective, and tempers fray as the killer known as the Mechanic begins to taunt the police, With James Macpherson. (Oracle) (1377) 10.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Labour perty

(545071) 10.05 News with Alastair Stewart and Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather (572445) 10.35 Thames News (286464)

10.45 01. A guide to what's on in London and the South East (s) (994396) 11.20 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama serial set in an Australian women's detention centre (654325) 12.10am Science Fiction: Mrs Einstein. A look at what the celebrated

scientist's wife contributed to his work (1415385) 12.40 Beethoven String Trice. Itzak Periman, Pinches Zukerman and Lynn Harrell perform Opus 9 No 3 in D (a) (4376236) 1.10 Film: Night People (1954) starring Gregory Peck and Broderick Crawford. Cold war thriller about an American intelligence officer who is sent to Berlin to get back a young United States soldier who

has been kidnepped and taken to the Russian zone. Directed by Nunnally Johnson (402694) 3.00 Kojak. The New York detective is In Las Veges to find Crocker who

has been kidnapped along with a prisoner (r) (56120) 4.00 Motor Sport Special, Action from Pembrey, Mallory Park and the Mitsubishi Marathon (27897)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

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makes thends with manns life (\$03625) 10.15 The Plainsman (1936, b/w): Western adventures of Wild Bill Hickot, Buffalo Bill and Calarrity Jane (75558003) 12.00 life Rock and Rolf (1957): The story of

Alan Fred (80803957)
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Adaptation of Victor Hugo novel (962241)
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10.10 Mineril Blums (1990): Alec Belichen steels Fred Ward's police budge and emberics on a crime spree (84687) .
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3.25 The Gold and the Glony (1953). Two Outerstanders enter a sporting meration (574491). Ends at 8.05

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(574491). Ends at 8.05

SKY SPORTS

4.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (11675) 5.00 Videofashlon. A profile of Louis Vultton (r) (81946) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (10385). Ends at 6.00 CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (74822) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (32261) 9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show (s) (50006)

9.30 Schools (248261)
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Anne Perkins (67342)
12.30 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series (86174) 1.30 Take 5. Fun for the very young (89006)

2.00 Check Out 92. A report into how the health and safety authorities are reacting to an increase in fairground accidents (r) (s) (1803)
2.30 Film: Bureau of Missing Persons (1933, b/w) starring Bette Davis, Lewis Stone and Pat O'Brien. Comedy thriller about a policeman helping a mysterious woman locate her missing husband. Directed by Roy Del Ruth (4115687)
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3.50 Startore. Animated sky mytris backed by a soundtrack of South American traditional music (2594803) Family Pride. Soap about the lives of an Asian family living in the Midlands (s) (358) 4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving knock-out

general knowledge quiz (s) (342)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are disgruntled native Americans (s) (6978377)

5.50 The Magic Roundabout (f) (658445)
6.00 My Two Dads, American comedy series (i), (Teletext) (s) (735) Gamesmaster. Computer games show presented by Domlnik Diamond with Patrick Moore (777)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi, (Teletext)
Weather (709087) 7.50 Comment (925667)

8.00 The Black Bag: The Brixton Beat.

• CHOICE: In the first of a two-part report from the streets of Brixton in south London, cameras follow the police as they try to hold the line in one of the most racially sensitive areas of Britain. The job is daunting and perhaps impossible. On the one hand it involves a continuous bettle against the drug dealers and users who have proliferated in Bridon in recent years. On the other it means trying to regain the confidence of a community which is 70 per cent non-white and still scarred by memories of the riots of the 1980s. Tonight's film covers the Summer Project, a community policing initiative directed at diverting local youngsters away from street crime and vrolence. The police emerge as counteous and constructive but old suspicions die hard (s) (1667)

8.30 Rissing Damp. Rigsby hopes to receive the kiss of life from Miss Jones when she takes a first aid course but she turns her attentions to the invalid in the besement (r). (Teletext) (4254)



No jobs and no hope: residents of Meadowell (9,00pm)

9.00 Critical Eye: An English Estate.

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• Critical Eye: Anyone prepared by the title for a leisurely documentary about an aristocrat's country seat will be swiftly disabused. The estate is the Meadowell in working-class North Shields. Three-quarters of the people are without work and 85 per country are machine benefit Yoursetters steal buries and staffing to cent are receiving benefit. Youngsters steel, joyride and set fire to buildings. Older folk dere not go away on holiday in case their houses are vandatised. Some of the adults are censorious, others sympathise with the anger of kids who have no jobs and no hope. The film is presented without commentary or comment but its tone is challenging and its message is inescapable. Poverty and social unrest are directly connected and the politicians have failed.

Disillusionment with government, local and national, has led the residents to work out their own solutions. (Teleted) (9919)

10.00 Film: Criminal Justice (1990) staming Forest Whitaker and Jennifer Grey. A made-for-felevision crime drame about a man with

a criminal record who, when identified by a prostitute as the man who assaulted and robbed her, elects to go to trial rather than accept the plea bargaining worked between his legal aid defence lawyer and the assistant DA. Directed by Andy Wolk (122613)

11.40 Set of Stx. Comedy series starring Rowland Rivron (r) (s) (806087)

12.15am Dispatches. A repeat of yesterday's programme about abuse

of the elderly (7172743) 1.00 Film: Ladies of Leisure (1930, b/w) starring Barbara Starrwyck and

Raiph Graves. Romantic comedy about a gold digger who falls for a wealthy artist only for his family to refuse permission for their marriage. Directed by Frank Capra (486656). Ends at 2.50

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rannan Gordon reads the penultimate episode (s)
11.00 Lord Edgware Dies: The last of a five-part dramabation by Michael Bakewell of Agatha. Christie's novel (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
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10.00 Young Frankenstein (1974): Mel Brotks's spoof (139629). Ende at 11.45

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O Composer of the Week:
Stephen Sondheim

O CHOKE: As an historian of musical theatre, Mark Steyn is in the Benny Green leegue, as an expert who never assumes that everybody else has seen and heard as many musicals as he has. Every morning this week, he is concentrating on Stephen Sondheim, whose musicals he first dissacted two years ago in his Radio 3 series Seventies Sondheim on Broadway. This morning is unlikely voices (unlikely for unikely voices (unlikely for Radio 3 that is) include Barbra Stressand's, Frank Sinatra's and Ethel Merman's

and Ethel Merman's

10.00 Morning Sequence:
Beethoven (Plano Sonala in E
flat, Op 7 Dezso Ranko); Liszt
(Tasso, Lamento e trionio:
Pare Orchestra under Georg
Sott), Beethoven (Violin
Sonala in 1, Op 27 Kreutzer) Soni), issentoven (vosin Sonata in A. Op 47, Kreutzer, Georg Kulenkampff, volat, Georg Sobi, piano), Tichakorsky (Piano Concerto

No 1 in 8 flat minor: Cuttord Cutzon; Vierna PC under Georg Solti) Georg Soli)

Beethoven and Bartók

Quartets: In the last of six
programmes, the Endellion

Quartet performs Seethcysh

(Countet in 9 flat, Op 18 No 6).

Bartók (Cuartet No 5) 12.00 Ber

Bartok (Quarter No 5)

1.00pm Henra

1.05 Blantice at Sainddict: The Chorus and Orchestra of the Opera de Lyon under John Nalson parform Bertoz Similhaarted comedy based on Sheksapeara's Much Adou About Nathing With Shaha McNar as Hero. Susan Gestern as Béatine, Camerine Hobbin as Ursula, Jean-Luc Visia as Bánádict and GZes Cachernalle as Claudio Cachemaille as Claudio 3.05 Boochariol and Besthoven

Prizate Cove performs Boccharin (Durine) in Diminor

G290); Beethoven (Trio in B flet for clarinet, cello and flet for clarinet, cello and piano, Op 11) (f)
3.50 BBC Scottlish SO under Jerzy Malsymiuk performs Arensky (Piano Concetto in F minor. Stephen Coombs): Tchelkovsky (Symphony No 4 in F minor) (s)
5.00 In Tune: Peter Paul Nash with music, niws, interviews and arts stories

arts siones 7.30 Orpheus Chamber Orchestra perionos Orpheus Chamber
Orchestra périomas Schubert
(Overture in D. D556):
Beethoven (Piano Concerto No
1 in C: Alfred Bendel): 8.20
Andrew Green talks to Julien
Piter, founder of the Orpheus
Chamber Orchestra, and to
the viole player Maureen
Gallagher. 8.30 Webern (Five
Movements for String
Orchestra, Op 5); Schoenberg
(Chamber Symphony No 2,
Op 38) Op 38) 9.05 John McGahern: Feith, Hope

and Charity. Stephen Rea reads the third of four stories from the fish writer's recently published collection 9.20 Messisen — Catalogue d'Oteaucr. Peter His exertirles his performance of d'Otseaux: Peter ha concludes his performance of the complete Catalogue with Book 7. La buse variable; La traquet résur. Le courfis. cendra. Introduced by Susan

9.55 Gaude Giortosa: The Taverner Consort and Choir under Andrew Parrott perform Tells's artiphon 10.15 Pop Goes the Jezz Star: in the last of the saries, Mel Hill considers Ray Charles (r) 10.45 Night Waves discusses the musical as the death of theatre, and previous Which Witch?

Witch?

11.30 Samuel Barber: Hermit Songs (Leortyne Price, soprano; the composer, piano); Knoxville, Summer of 1915 (Orchestra of St Luke's under David Zimman, with Dawn Upshaw, soprano); Mélodies pessagères (Pieme Bernec, barrione, Francis Poulenc, piano); Andromache's Farewell (New York PO under Thomas around Andromache's Farewell (New York PO under Thomas Schippers, with Martina Arroyo, soprano) 12,30em News 1.00-2.00 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 Hot Rubber or Death on the

10.00-10.30 News; The Virgin in the Ice (FM only) © CHOICE: Episode one of The characteristic by Bert Coules of Elfs Peters's novel about her 12th-century sleuthing monk Brother Cadiael is strong on at least

made by Michael Hordem's attendon-gripping narration and Philip Madoc's muscular playing of the medieval detective (s)

10.30 Women's Hour talks to the folk singer Franke Armstrong, whose sight has been estored, Incl 11.00 News 11.30 From Cur Own Correspondent 12.00 You and Yours, with Roisin

Johnston umpires a test of Wit Johnston umpires a test of Wit and general knowledge from Hussey Cricket Club, near Whichester, With Tim Rice, Wille Rushton, Lesle Thomas and Christopher Martin-Jentine (c) 12 SE Wester Jenkins (s) 12.55 Weather

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4.00 Neves 4.05 Kaleidoscope
reviews Lorca's Blood
Wacking at the Leicester
Haymarket, and new work by
the sculptor Deme Elisabeth
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new ways of targeting state benefits will help those people most in need

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10.45 A Book at Budtime: O
Caledonial by Elspeth Barker.
Harresh Gordon reads the

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RADIO 4

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5.55em Shipping Forecast 6.00
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Weather 6.10 Farming Today
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8.00, 8.30 News 6.45
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Day 8.40 Yesterday in
Parliament 8.58 Weather Mictorway, by John Fletcher, In 2025, on the 20-lane relief sub-orbital motorway of the ten-lane relief sub-orbital

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9.30 Opinion: Lowering the
Barticades. Lawyer Nick Blake
beseves that all citizens of the
European community should
be treated as equals

Cadiael is strong on at least four counts, two of them climacieric and climatic. There is a fine sense of imminent denger as civil war reges, and there are some evocative word pictures of a countryside gripped by winter. And if you heard Mankahood, the first Brother Cadiael book to be serialised on radio, you will be aware of the vital contributions made by Michael Horriem's

10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only) 10.15 The Hindu Scriptures (LW only): The Gilt of Broken Fice

McAuley 12.25pm Trivia Test Match; Brien

motorway of the M25, Madge (Natashe Pyce) sets out to confront her monster (s) 3.00 Bue Stop Live: Jenni Mills and Nick Beker meet the

the sculptor Dame Elizabeth
Frink (s)
4.45 Short Story: Departures, by
Brian Leyden. Read by Ian
McEhinney (s)
5.00 PM 5.45 Party Political
Broadcast by the Labour
party 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Skx O'Clock News
6.30 Lionel Nimnod's Inexplicable
World: Death and the Afrilio.
A New Age comedy series on
life's mysteries (s)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archars (s)
7.20 Relative Values. Jim and
Danyl. Michael O'Donnell
meels the comedian Jim
Sweeney and his periner
Danyl, whose youngest
daughter is autistic (s)
8.00 Analysis: Whither Welfare?
Andrew Adonis asks whether
new ways of targeting state

Most in need
8.45 Does He Take Sugar?
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (f)
9.45 The Financial World
Tonight, with Roger White (s)
9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with
Physical Lystic (s)

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Spartak provide tough test

## Souness senses Liverpool have turned the tide

FROM DAVID MILLER IN MOSCOW

OUT of the frying pan into the fire. Liverpool's journey from Old Trafford to the former Lenin, now National, stadium is an extreme test of Graeme Souriess's re-modelled and

still developing young side. It is, Souness considers, technically the most difficult match the club has played since the tragic encounter with Juventus in Brussels seven years ago.

Spartak, who Liverpool meet tonight at the stadium that staged the Olympic Games, are the new Russian league champions following the 4-1 victory over Lokomotiv

at the weekend. They also have six of the squad that performed the last rites of Soviet Union football as the Commonwealth of Independent States team in the European championship in

Sources believes that the draw with Manchester United on Sunday is further evidence that Liverpool have turned the

not a picture of a club in trouble. leg still with an opportunity for further progress in the Cup A run of four wins and a draw does no end for morale

Winners' Cup, it will require all the maturity that the older players — Grobbelaar, Wright, Nicol, Thomas and Rush — can summon. For the second time in five

days, it will also be the sharp end of the continuing education of the new breed -McManaman, Redknapp and Hutchison. The latter's goal against Manchester Uni-ted brought his total to five in six matches and a goal away from home tonight would, as always, wholly alter the complex of the two legs.
What I find distinctive is

that the relaxed mood of friendliness, which has always characterised the dub's European travels in past years, is still there. For a club that only two weeks ago was allegedly in

There are no diques of older or younger players, no muttering in corners among two or three, a free association be-

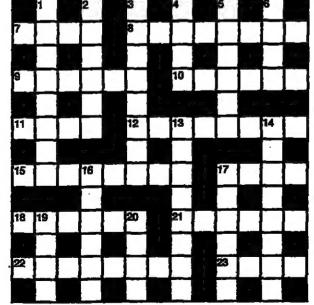
#### Marseilles escape

BERNARD Tapie may sleep a little more easily after Marseilles's visit to Romania yesterday, but probably not much. After warning of dire financial consequences if his team failed to overcome Dinamo Bucharest in the second round of the European Cup, the president of the French champions saw the Romanians force a goalless

Indeed, Marseilles were lucky to snatch a draw in Bucharest, Fabien Barthez, their 21-yearold reserve goalkeeper, saving them three times in a desperate ten-minute spell after the

PSV Eindhoven will be optimistic of their European Cup chances after holding AEK Athens to a 1-0 win in Greece. A goal by Dimitriadis in 53rd minute decided the first leg.

#### **CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 2925**



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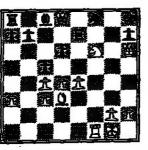
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By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

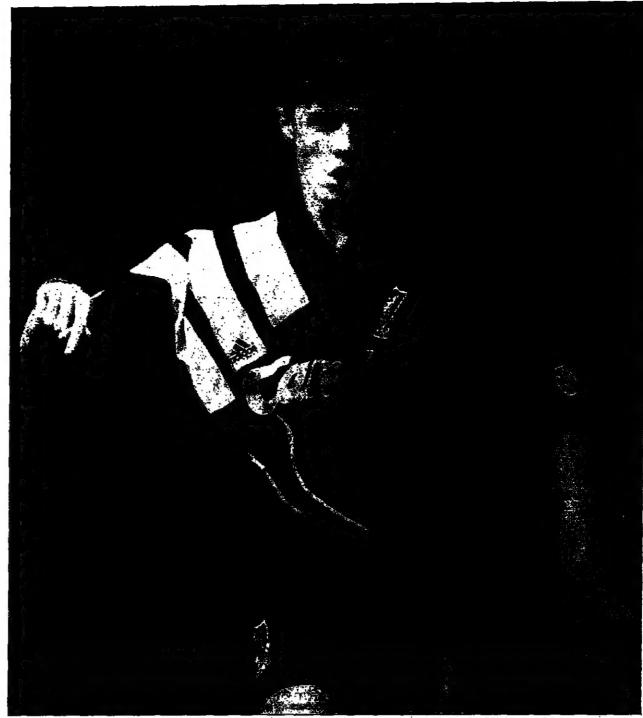
This position is from the game Haik - Skembris, Yugoslavia 1981. White has invested a rook for a powerful attack. His following coup is quite brilliant. Full marks if you can spot it. Solution below.



Solution: the suprising 1 Ne81 wins, e.g. 1 ... Kre8 2 Kf7! mating, or 1... Ng6 2 Kf8+!

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New breed: the future of Liverpool depends largely on their younger players, including McManaman

## Germans take dives, says coach

By IAN ROSS

feigning injury in an attempt to influence the decisions of referees has extended to

Rush can extend his truly remarkable record, estab-lished at Old Trafford, of 287 goals for the club. Liverpool are cutting ticket prices for the second leg of

their tie against Spartak Moscow. Seat prices will be reduced by 15 per cent to £10 in an

but here are a group of players

still with a strong sense of

collective identity and pur-

pose. Do not write them off

acknowledge the degree to which the younger players have got them out of a jam. Analysis of Spartak in re-

ports from Ron Yeats, the

former Anfield captain,

indicate the extent of Liver-

pool's task "Going to Old

Trafford was a test for our

youngsters and this will be

"It will be difficult. You

cannot win trophies at this

level with a side exclusively

made of youngsters but we

have a blend of youth and

The main question is whether

Jones is ready to resume at right back in place of Marsh.
For Wright, restored to the team, it could be a critical

moment in his career. He can

be vulnerable against for-wards running the ball at him,

as the Russians will, and his

performance will carry signifi-

cance for the future of both

Much will also be required from Nicol alongside him and

from Thomas in the injection

With Barnes, Whelan and

Molby unfit, and Stewart sus-

pended as well as injured, the

probable line-up is: Grobb-

elaar. Marsh or Jones. Wright, Nicol, Burrows.

McManaman, Thomas, Red-

knapp, Hutchison, Walters,

There will be hope that

of physical resolution into the

him and the team.

It is expected that Sourcess will employ a 4-5-1 formation.

another," Souness said.

from the prizes this season. The older players have the wisdom, and the generosity, to

attempt to encourage more supporters to Anfield after a appointing attendance of 12,000 for the last European home game with Apollon

THE debate over players

Germany, for many years the home of the theatrical dive. As David Hirst, Sheffield Wednesday's England forward, resigned himself to a three-match suspension from Europe for his sending-off during the Uefa Cup tie against Kaiserslautern on Tuesday, a leading German coach conceded that the problem was widespread within

the German league. "Players in Germany do it all the time," Rainer Zobel, the Kaiserslautern coach, said after his side's 3-1 victory in the Franz Walter stadium. "I'm trying to stamp it out but it is not easy because it is almost normal practice in

Germany for players to fall over far too quickly. It just seems to be a natural instinct."

Seven days ago, Gordon Durie, Tottenham Hotspur's Scottish international forward, was suspended for three matches by the Football Association after being found guilty of feigning injury against Covenity City at White Hart Lane in mid-August. Durie plans to appeal.

Although Zobel was ada-

mant that Hirst's dismissal for a skirmish with Marco Haber was "deserved", he said he was angered by the antics of two of his own players, Vogul and Witeczek, both of whom were penalised by Joel Quiniou, the French referee, for play-

"I accept that both men took dives in the second half to try and get penalties," he said. "I want my players to stay on their feet rather than throw themselves to the floor." Wednesday had been hop-

ing that the Uefa observer at Tuesday's game would view sympathetically Hirst's part in the 42nd-minute incident. which precipitated the first sending-off of his career. The referee has told us that

he will say in his report that David was sent off for kicking an opponent," Trevor Francis. Wednesday manager, said. "The Uefa observer supports that decision and has told us that the referee took the correct action. As kicking an opponent constitutes violent conduct, he faces a threematch suspension."

Hirst, who was playing in a senior fixture for only the second time in seven weeks. was largely unrepentant yes-terday. "I do not feel that I let down my team-mates because

I did nothing to warrant a sending-off," he said. "I just remember rushing past him and then him going down." ☐ Celtic arrived in Glasgow yesterday confident of overturning their 1-0 deficit in the home leg of their Uefa Cup tie against Borussia Dortmund

Liam Brady, the Celtic manager, said he was satisfied with team's defensive performance on Tuesday night. We'll see how Dortmund cope with a big, noisy crowd at Parkhead," he said.

The only goal came when Povisen's cross was driven in by Chapuisat, the Swiss international, in the second half.

#### Hanley back to sharpen attack

TO NO particular surprise, Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, yesterday unsheathed the rapier to counter the bludgeon of the Australian forwards in the World Cup final on Saturday, recalling Ellery Hanley to the side after an absence of 18 months.

Hanley's international career appeared to be in jeopardy after injury allowed him to play for only nine minutes on this summer's four of Australia. Yet Reilly's faith in the player is undiminished, in spite of his indifferent form, and Hanley, 31, will return to his customary loose forward position, with Phil Clarke moving into the second row alongside Denis Betts. While Hanley is some way

short of his form of two years ago, when he helped Great Britain to beat Australia at Wembley, he is still held in the utmost regard by the Austra-lians. He is one of four survivors from that Great Britain side, joining Bets, Garry Schofield, the captain, and Martin Offiah, whose strained hamstring is reported an have recovered.

Reilly's only doubt con-cerns Graham Steadman, the full back, who has damaged shoulder ligaments and will undergo a fitness test today.

kicking from the back into the Australian in-goal area

could be a key factor.

Tacsical kicking may be important in opening a rigid Australian defence, and Deryck Fox and Shaun Ed-wards, at half back, will place an emphasis on incisive kick-ing, speedy support play and moving the ball wide to Offiah and Alan Hunte on the wings. Kevin Ward, Martin Dermott and Andy Platt form

a formidable front row, but if the Australian pack is allowed to dominate, it should press home a considerable size and weight advantage. Reilly will instead look for

speed, intelligent ball-play and the minimum of errors. "Our strength in depth is limited, but the quality is improving and this is a quality

Improving and this is a quality side," he said.
GREAT BRITAIN: G Steadmen (Castelorg; A Hurbe (S Helens), G Connolly (S Helens), G Schoeleel (Jack, catisis), M Offish (Moun), S Edwards (Wager), D Fox (Bradford Northern), K Ward (St Helens), M Demont (Wigar), A Plant (Wigar), D Betts (Wigar), P Garles (Wigar), E Henley (Leods), Replactments: J Dewards (Widars), K Skarnet (Wigar), J Lycken (Wigar), R Eyree (Widnes).

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## Galwey escapes a heavy suspension



RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

MICK Galwey, the nine-times capped Irish international lock, will remain available for selection for the match beeen Ireland and Australia in Dublin on October 31 after being sent off in Cork yesterday during Munster's shock 22-19 defeat of Australia, the World Cup holders. Galwey and Garrick Mor-

gan, the Australian lock, who was sent off in the same incident, were given a four-day suspension by a disciplinary tribunal sitting in Cork last night. Such a light sentence

indicates the feeling of the cleared Ashmead of delibertribunal that, while both players may have been involved in a brawl which disfigured the later stages of Munster's historic win, they were not the primary cause. The sentence runs from midnight last night and means that Morgan will miss the game on Saturday against Ulster in Belfast.

In stark contrast, the Gloucester flanker, Ashmead, was susepended for 45 days tyesterday after being sent-off in a clash with Dean Richards during the Courage League match with Leicester last month. Gloucestershire's RFU disciplinary committee

ately stamping on the Eng-land player, but found him guilty of careless use of the boot without malicious intent.

The Irish team will be selected after that match and Galwey remains a leading candidate to play in the second row for his country. The sentence was agreed unanimously by the members of the tribunal - Charlie Quaid, the Irish Rugby Football Union president, Brendan O'Dowd, his IRFU committee colleague, and John Breen, the Australian tour manager.

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## Sports Council calls for drugs use ban

BY JOHN GOODBODY

THE Sports Council will meet leading weightlifting officials next week in a final attempt to persuade them that they should ban the two competitors sent home before the Olympic Games in Barcelona for alleged drugs offences. Wally Holland, the secretary of the British Amateur Weight Lifters Association (BAWLA), said yesterday that he was inviting both the council, which carries out the government-financed drugs-testing programme, and the Brit-ish Olympic Association (BOA) to meet him and Hymic Binder, the BAWLA chairman. The BAWLA central council convenes in London on October 31 to decide whether to suspend Andrew Saxton and Andrew Davies, who have admitted taking clenbuterol during training for the Games.

The decision could have widespread repercussions. Katrin Krabbe, of Germany, the world 100 and 200 metres champion, is also appealing against a suspension for taking clembuterol in agent in animals and so may help

training while Sports Council officials in London believe that the integrity of its £750,000 drugs-testing programme is at stake. Even if the two lifters are not banned next week, they may still take legal action because of the public disgrace they were subjected to in being sent home from Barcelona. However, whether any action will be against BAWLA, the Sports Council or the BOA

BAWLA officials are concerned whether clenbuterol, a drug that can relieve asthma but is only available on prescription in Germany, is covered by the regulations for out-of-competition testing. They have been supported by Professor Arnold Beckett, a British member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) medical commission, who rejects the belief that cleabuterol is a banned substance in out-of-competition

Clenbuterol is known in the United States as "doper's delight", because it is a stimulant in humans and an anabolic

humans train harder and recover more quickly from intensive exercise. Clenbuterol is prohibited as a stimu-

lant in competition. However, the Sports Council has stated that it is also prohibited in out-of-competition testing. In Barcelona, the IOC medical commis sion, in Beckett's absence, supported the Sports Council's stance. However, it is sports Council's stance. However, it is debatable whether an English court of law would support this reading because Beckett has pointed out that clembuterol is not "chemical or pharmaecologically" related to androgenic anabolic steroids. Saxton, from Oxford, admitted that he

was taking a drug to help his asthma at the time he gave the urine sample. Davis, the 1990 world champion from Wales, said that he was given the drug by Saxton because he was suffering from a "tight chest". However, it is not clear whether the competitors obtained the drug on prescription and if so from whom.
Under BAWLA regulations, the two

are under suspension and they face the possibility of a life ban if the central council finds them guilty.



